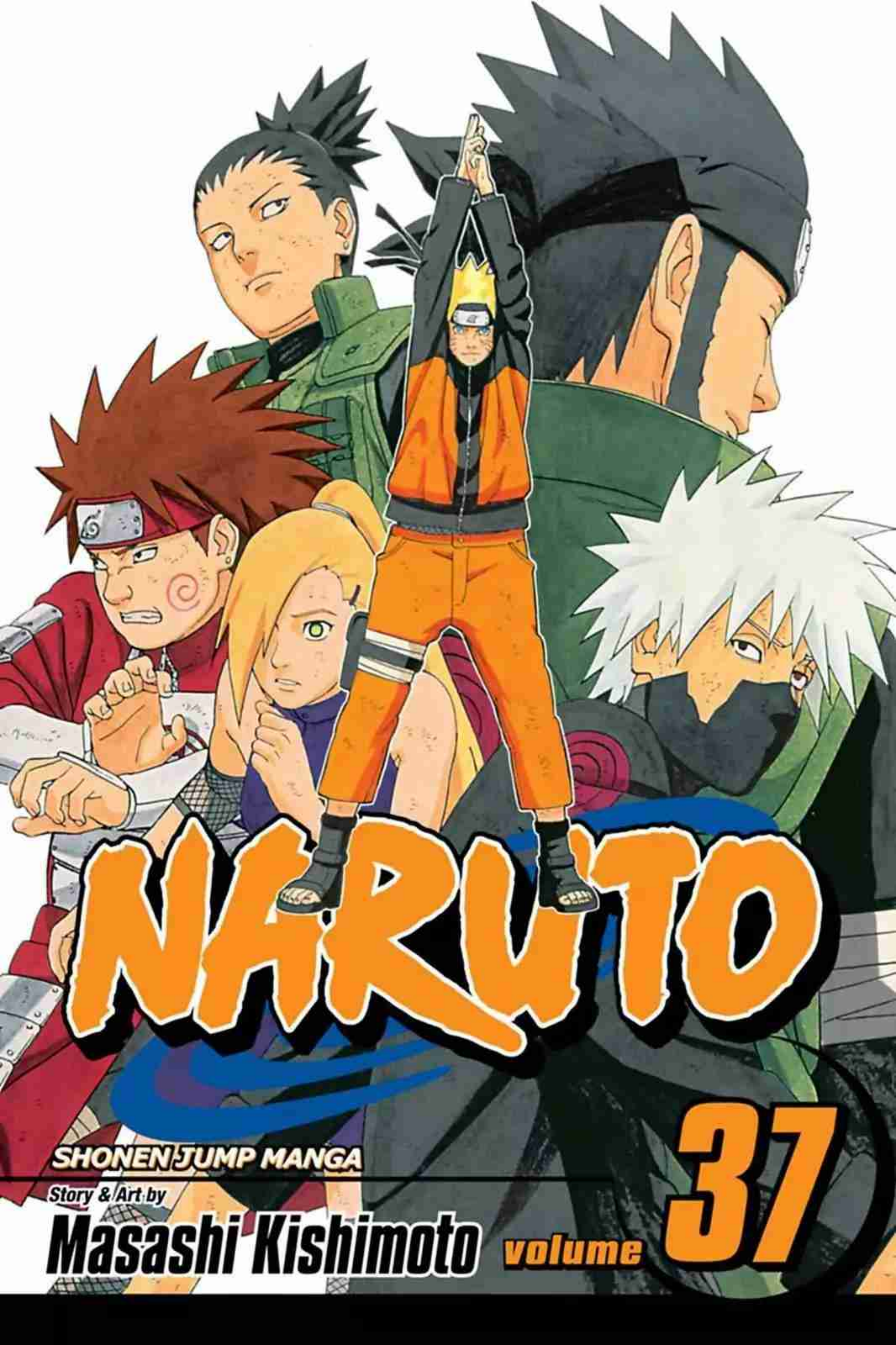




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—Masashi Kishimoto, 2007

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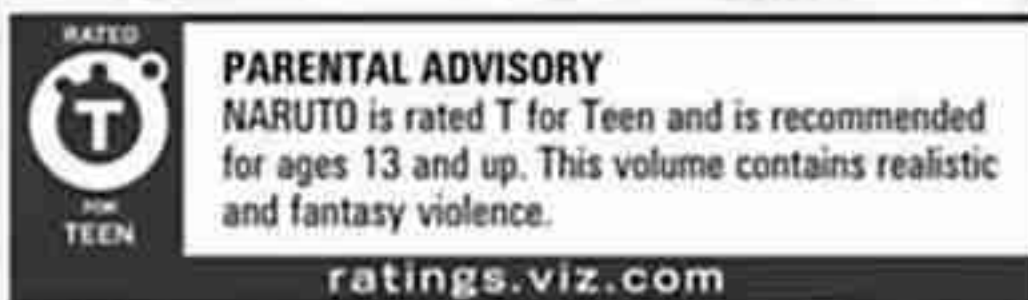
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CHARACTERS

Sakura
サクラ



Sasuke

サスケ



Sai

サイ



Yamato

ヤマト



Kakashi

カカシ

Naruto
ナルト



Against all odds, Uzumaki Naruto, the student least likely to graduate from the Ninja Academy in Konohagakure, becomes a ninja along with his classmates—and closest friends—Sasuke and Sakura. During the Chûnin Selection Exams, however, the turncoat ninja Orochimaru launches *Operation Destroy Konoha*, forcing Naruto's mentor, the Third Hokage, to sacrifice his own life to stop the attack and save the village.

Further tragedy follows when Sasuke—now one of Konoha's best and brightest shinobi—falls prey to Orochimaru's schemes and becomes his hapless thrall. Though Naruto fights valiantly to stop Sasuke from becoming slave to one of their worst enemies, he ultimately fails. Sasuke flees to Orochimaru, and Naruto vows to rescue his friend someday...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and track down Sasuke. However, they are left in the dust again by Sasuke's immense power and he gets away once more.

In order to gain strength himself, Naruto trains with Kakashi again. Elsewhere, Asuma dies during a battle against an Akatsuki two-man team. What will the surviving Cell Number 10 do now?!

The Story So Far ...



NARUTO

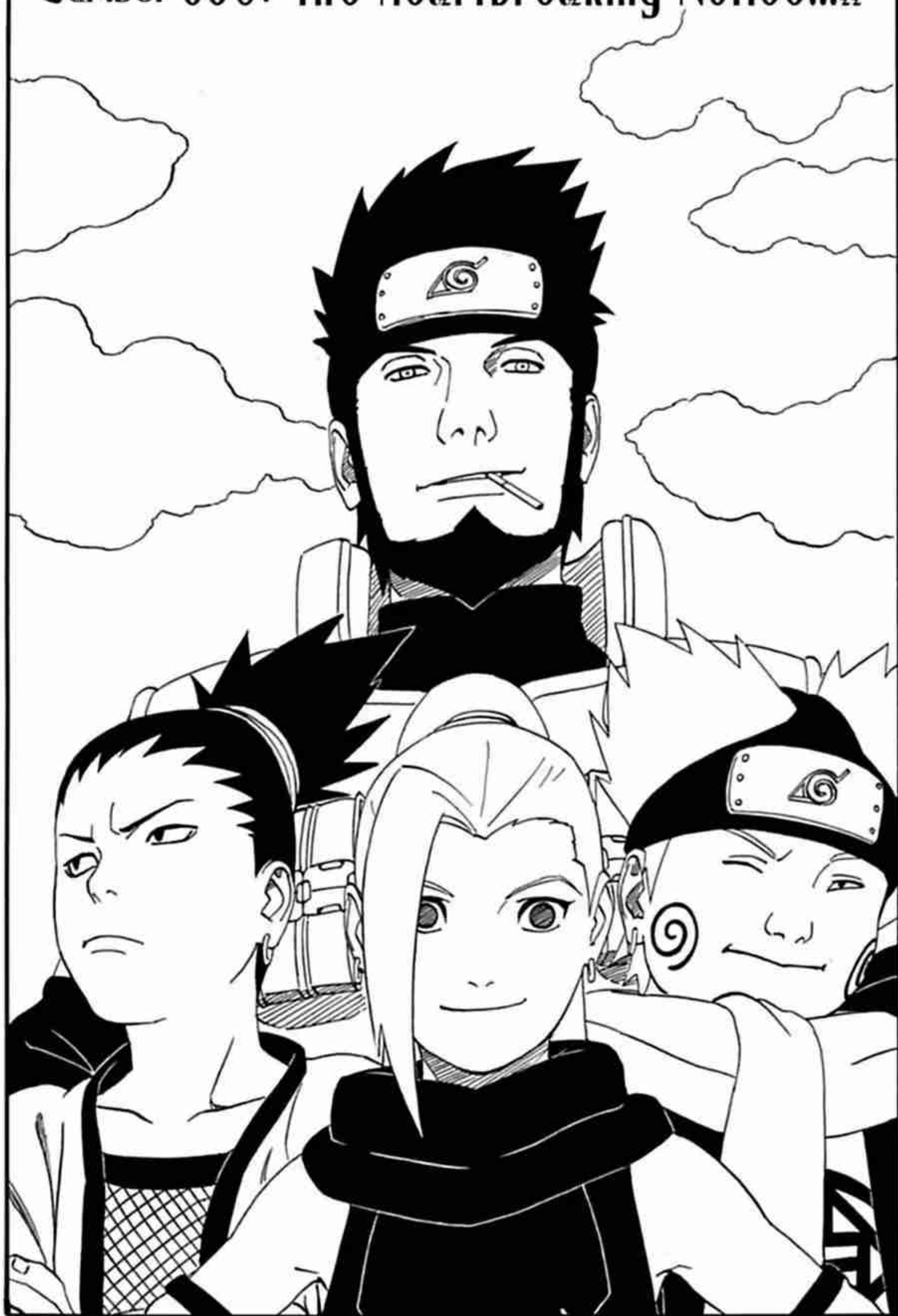
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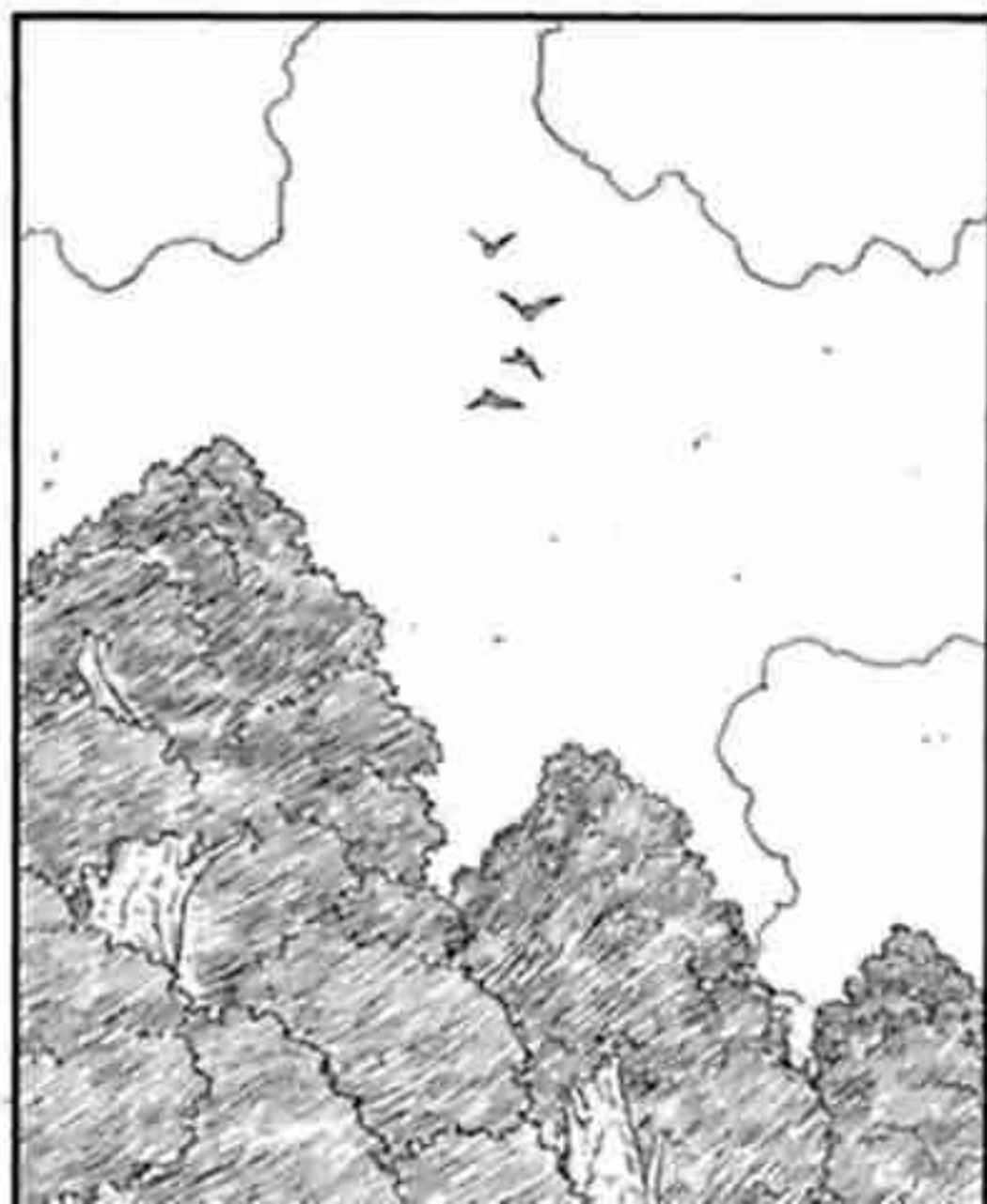


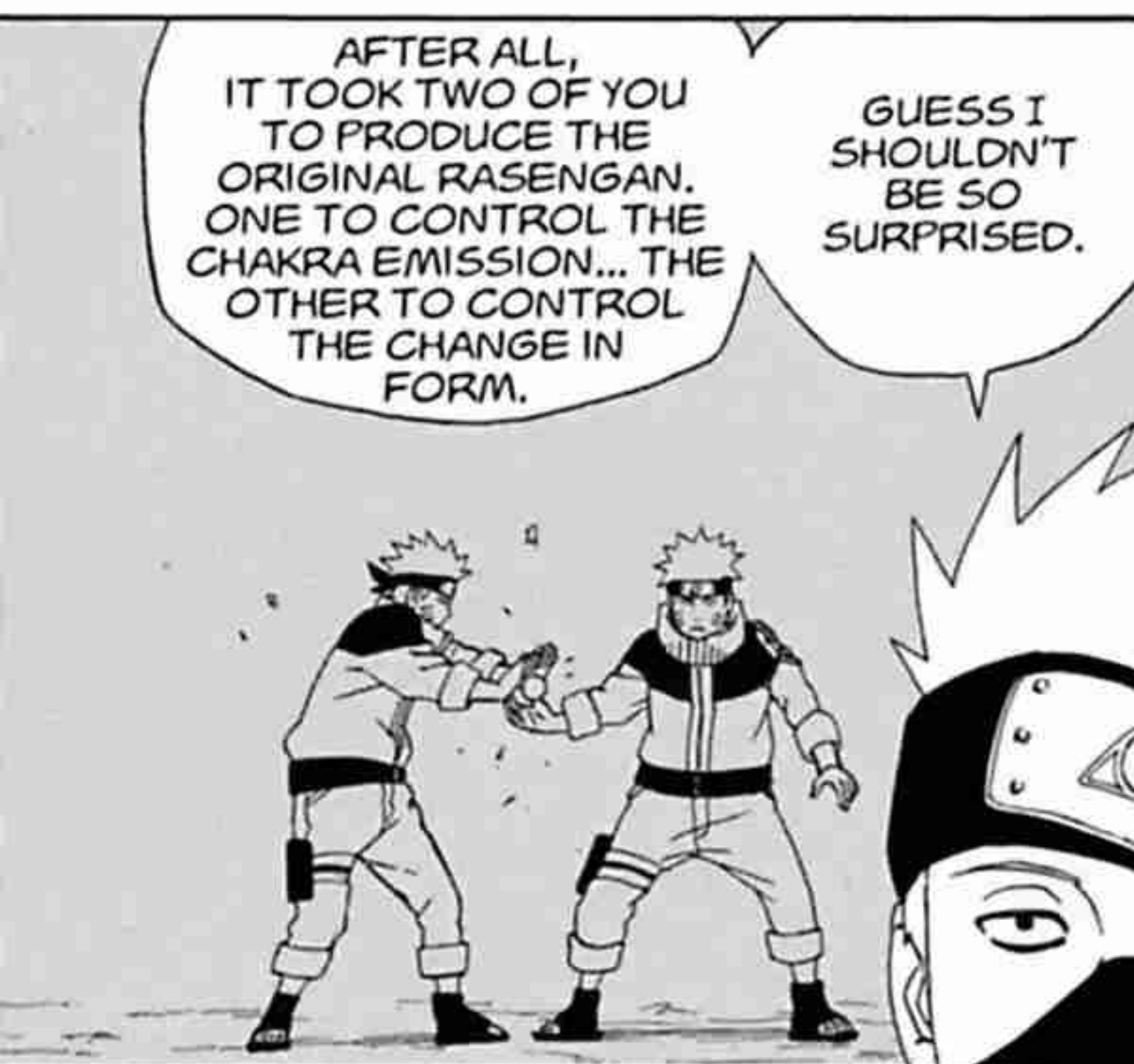
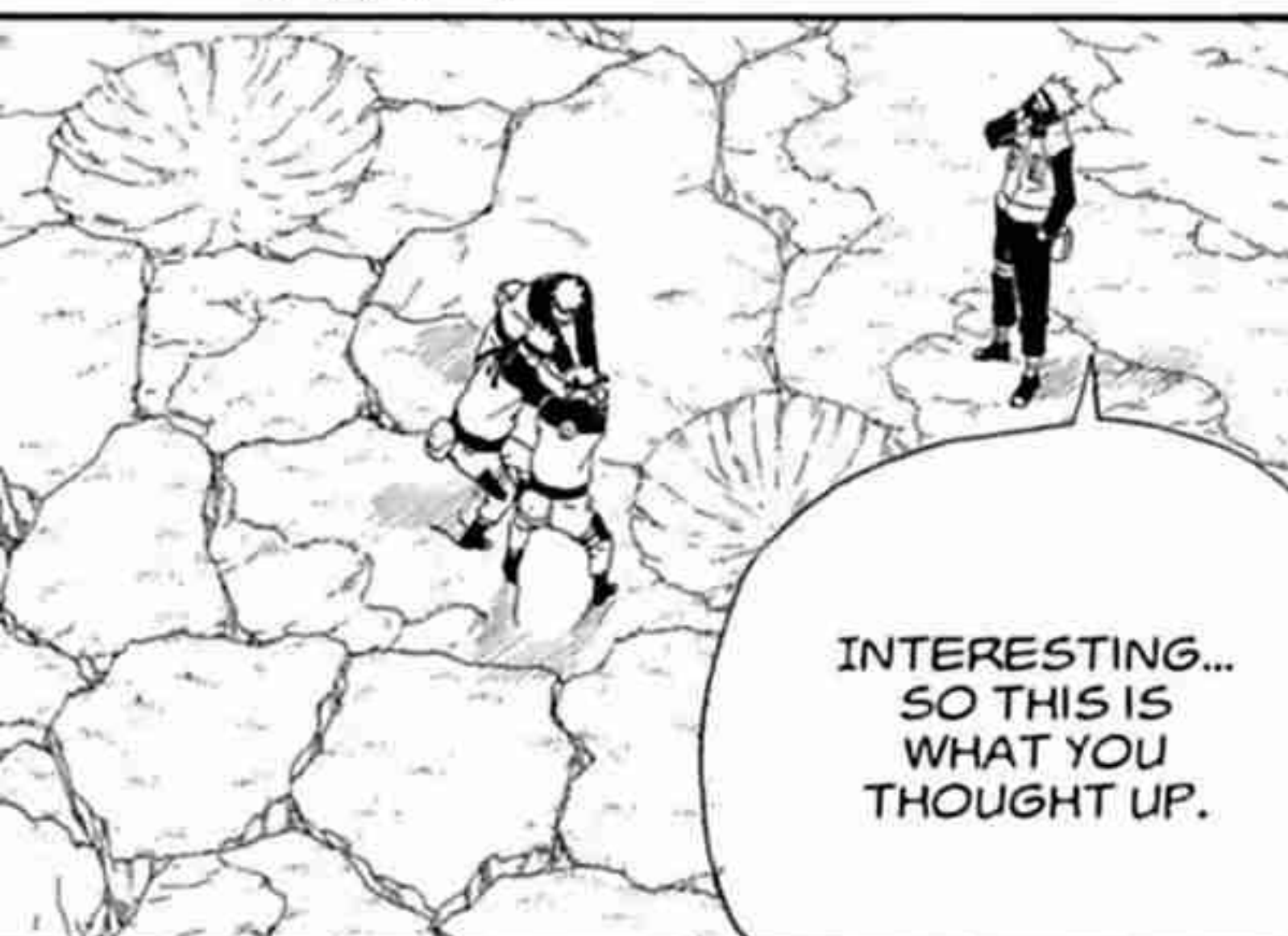
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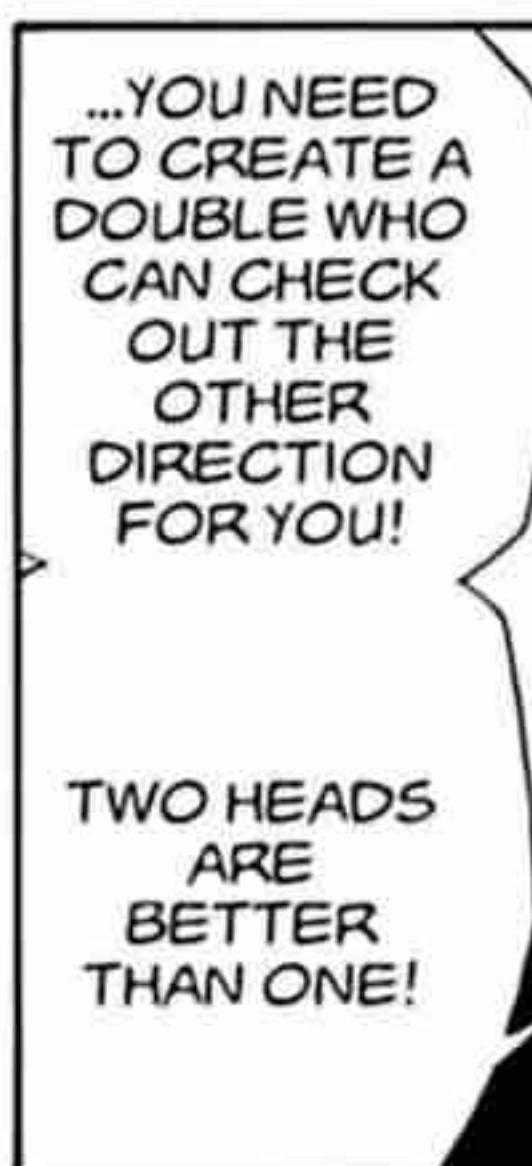
THAT'S RIGHT!

ALL I NEEDED TO DO WAS CREATE A THIRD ME TO CONTROL THE WIND CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE.



WITH MY DOPPEL-GANGER PROVIDING THE CLUE EARLIER.

...



...YOU NEED TO CREATE A DOUBLE WHO CAN CHECK OUT THE OTHER DIRECTION FOR YOU!

TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE!



...LIKE YOU SAID, IF YOU CAN'T LOOK TO THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT AT THE SAME TIME...



YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING ELSE...

HAVE TO ADMIT, NARUTO.

?



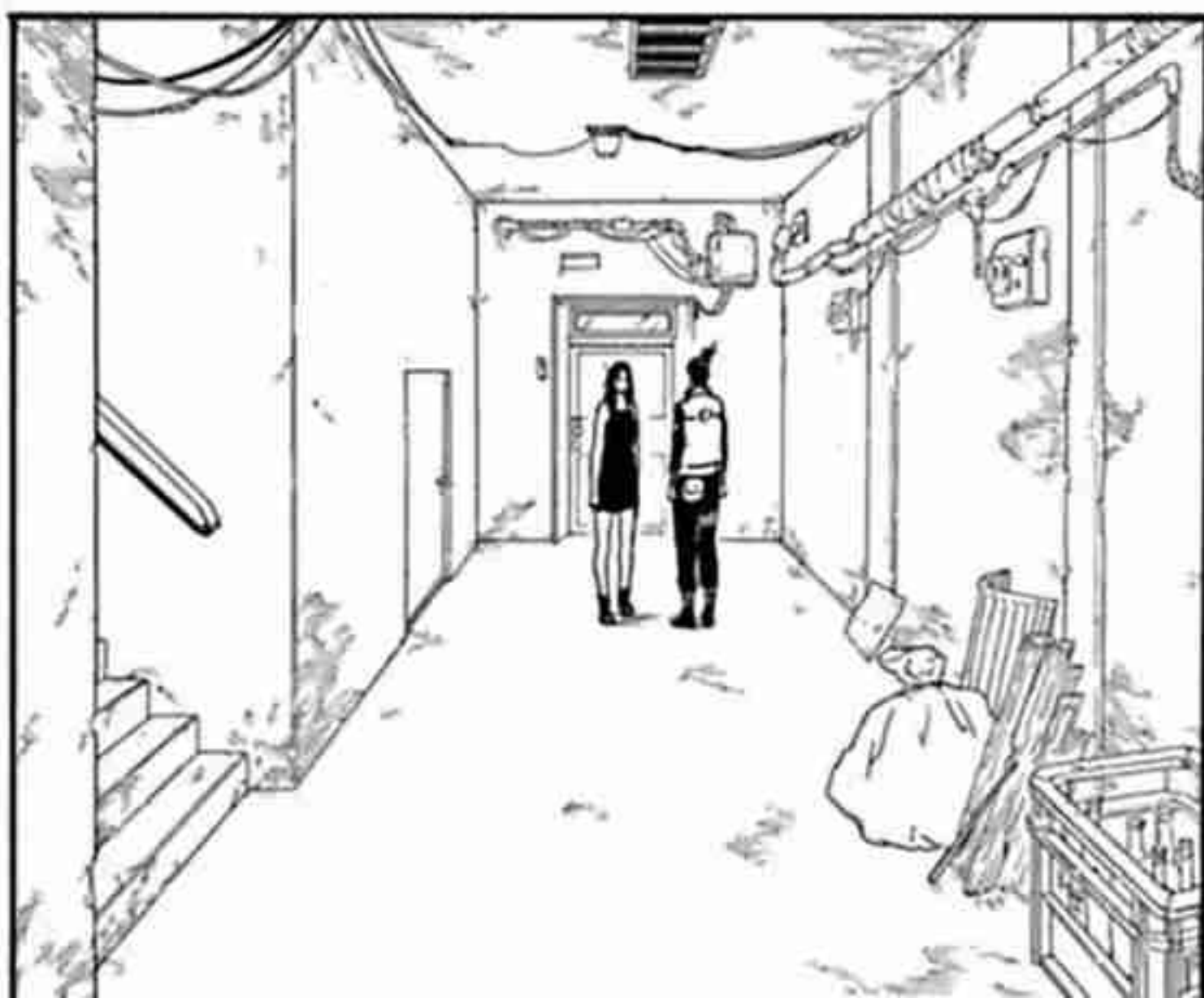
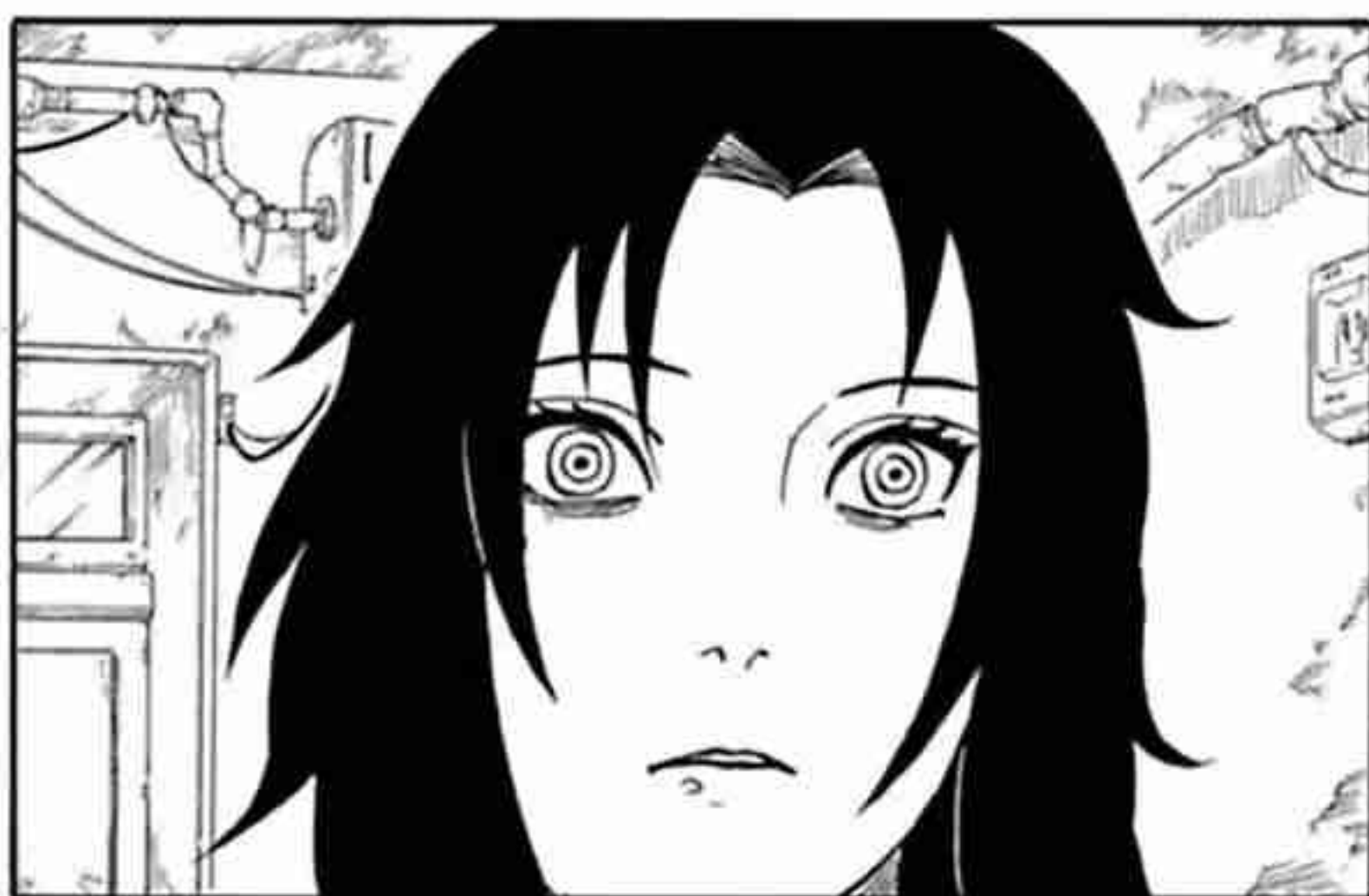
...IT WOULDN'T WORK FOR EITHER ME OR THE FOURTH HOKAGE.

...ALTHOUGH THIS METHOD WORKS FOR NARUTO, WHO HAS AMPLE SUPPLIES OF BOTH CHAKRA AND DOPPEL-GANGERS...

◀ READ THIS WAY ▶



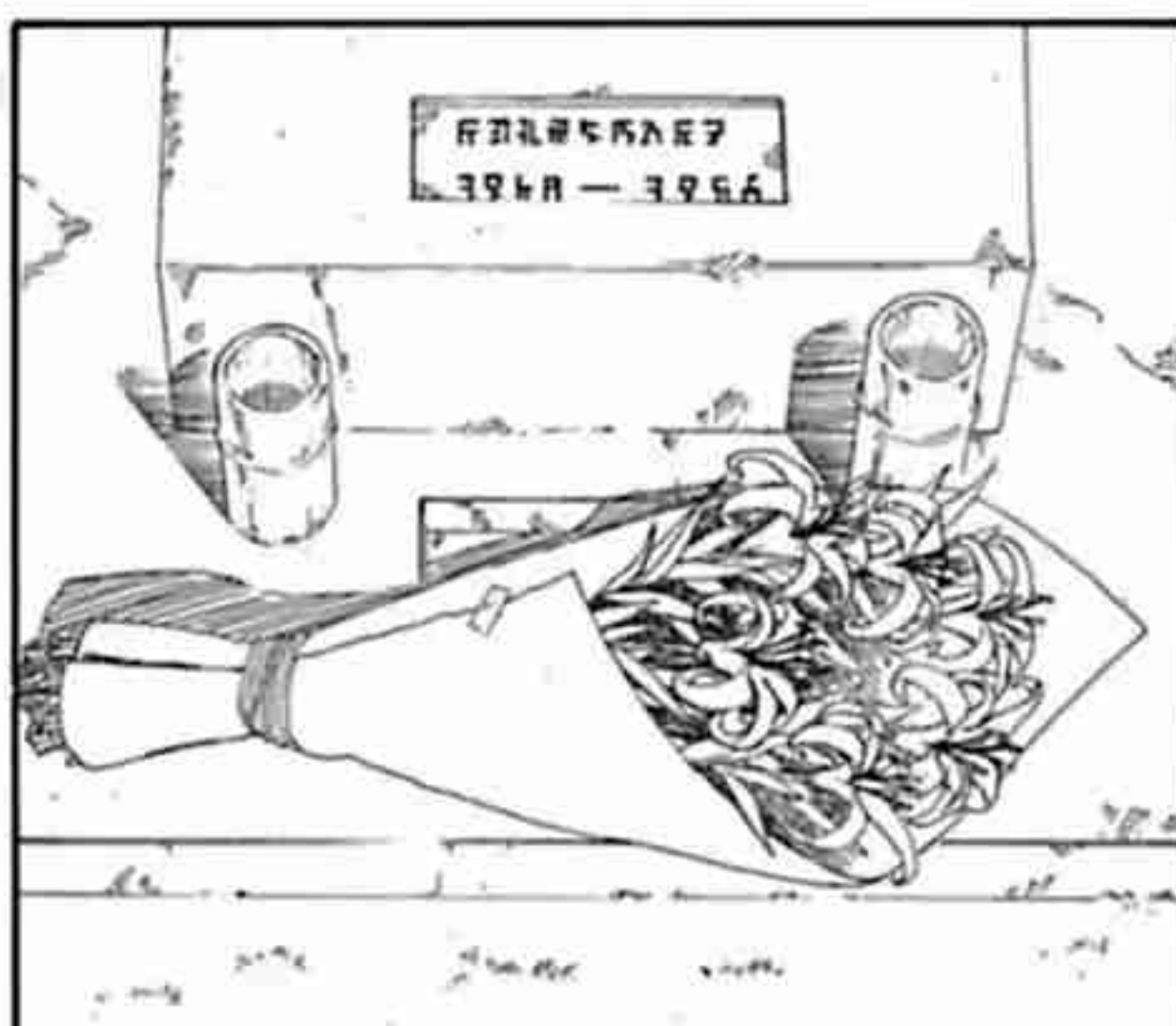
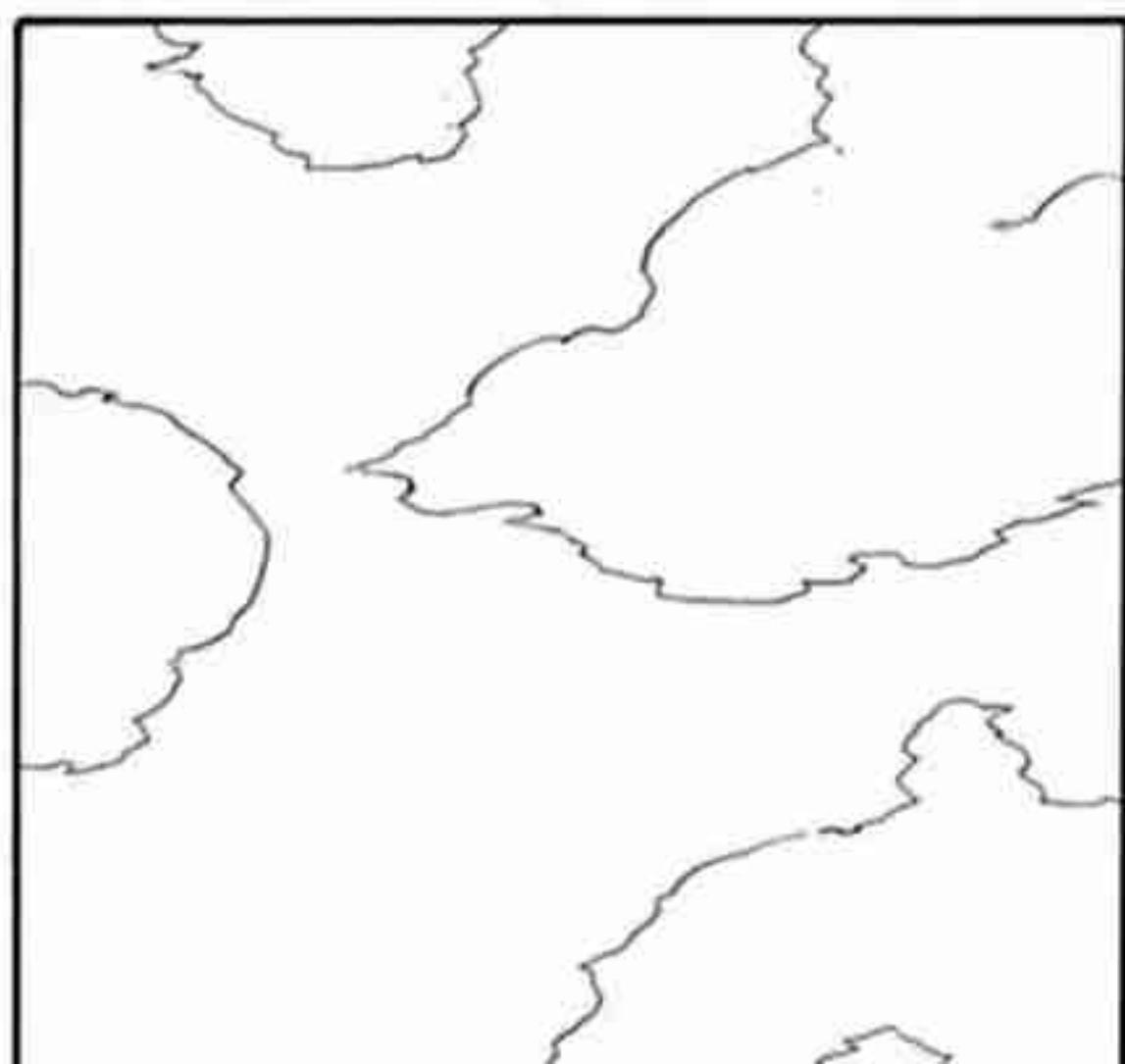
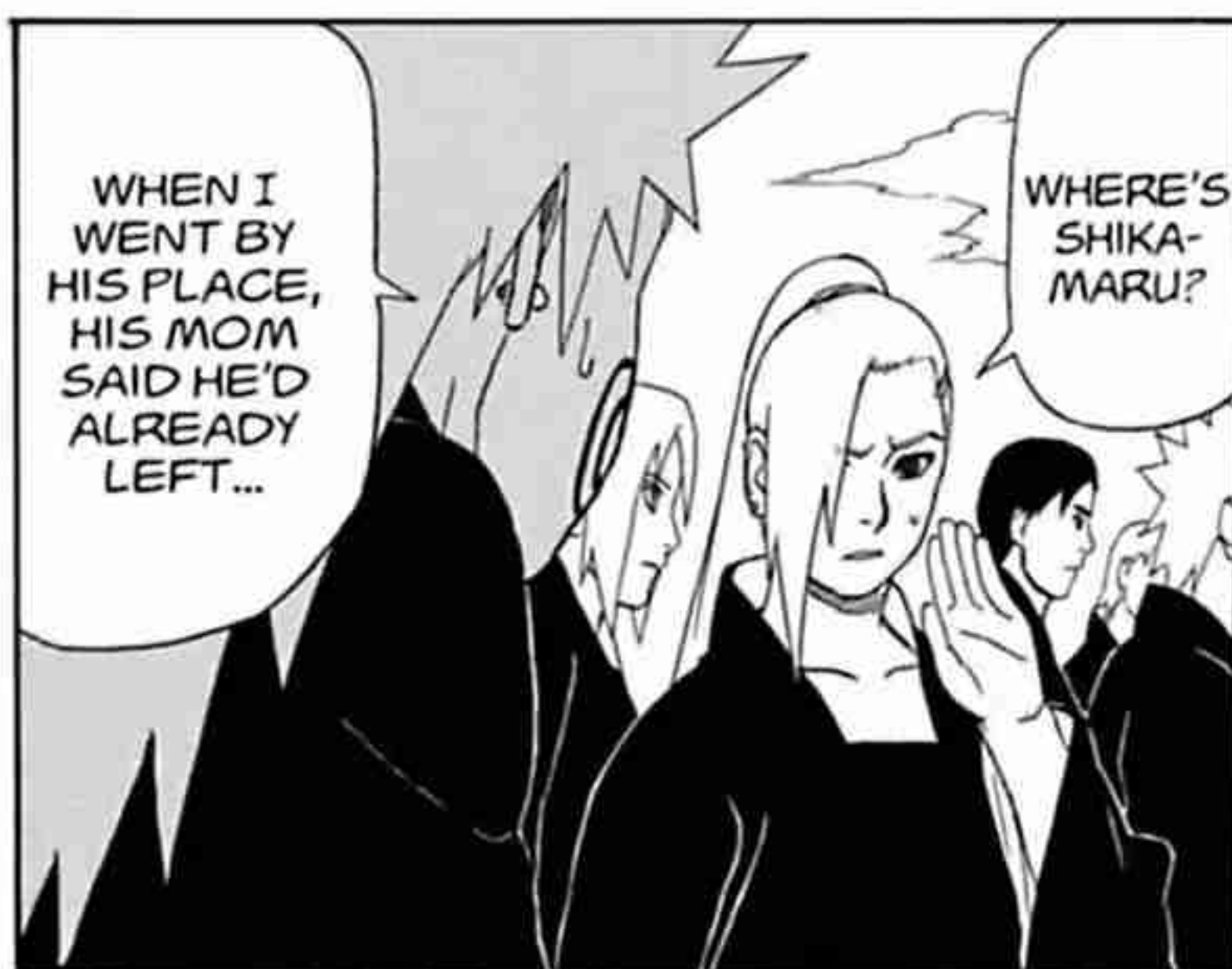


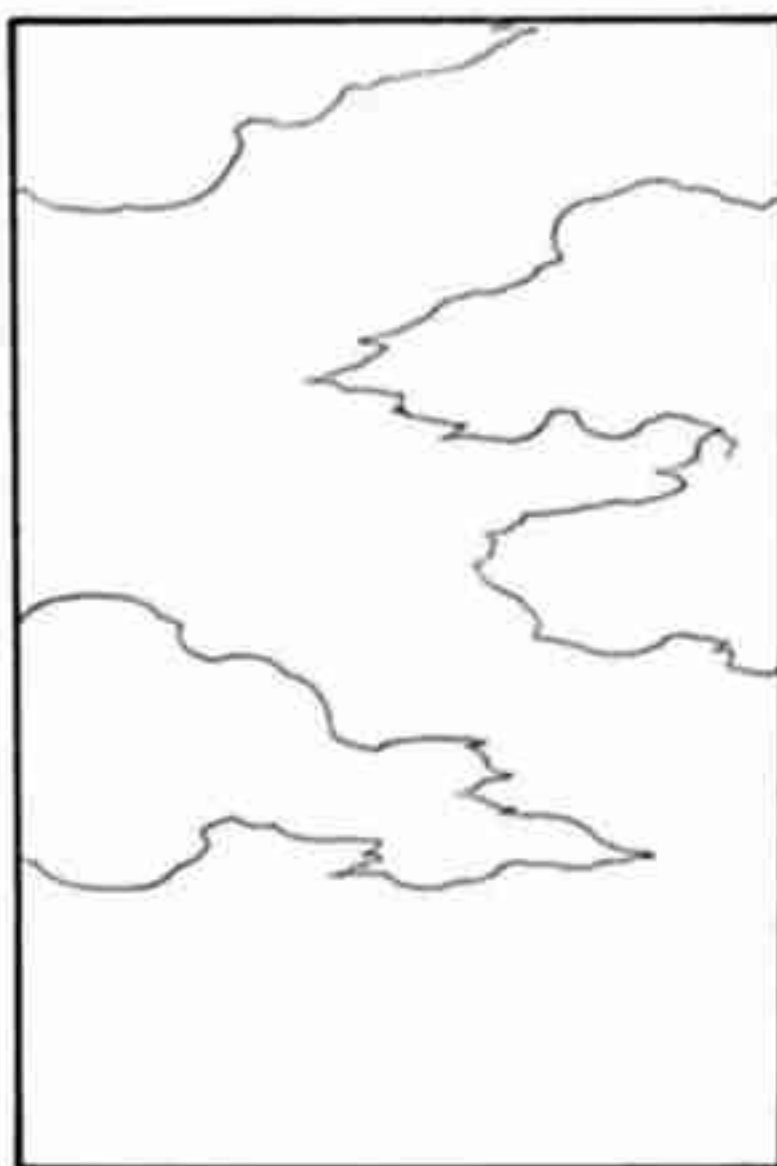
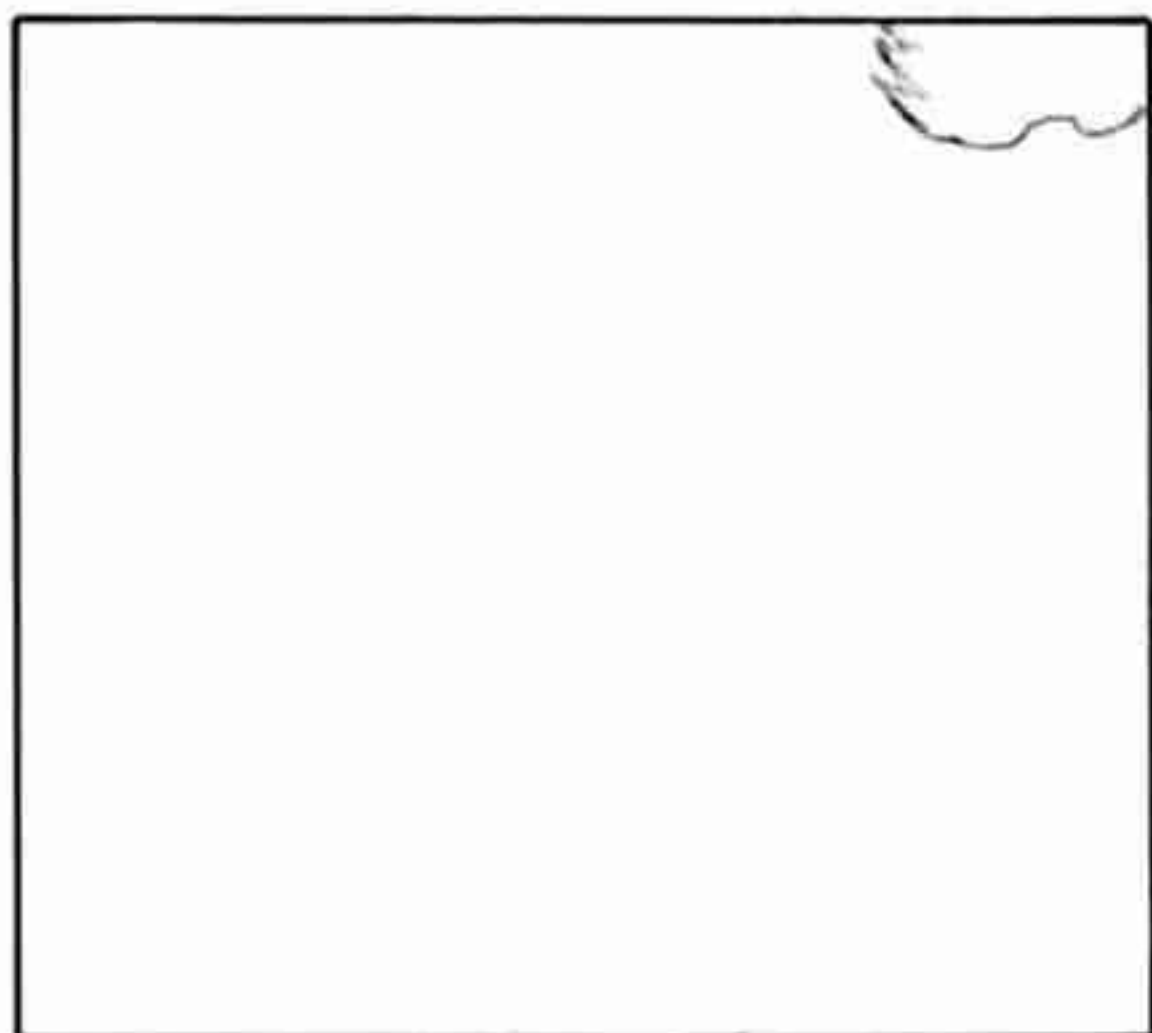


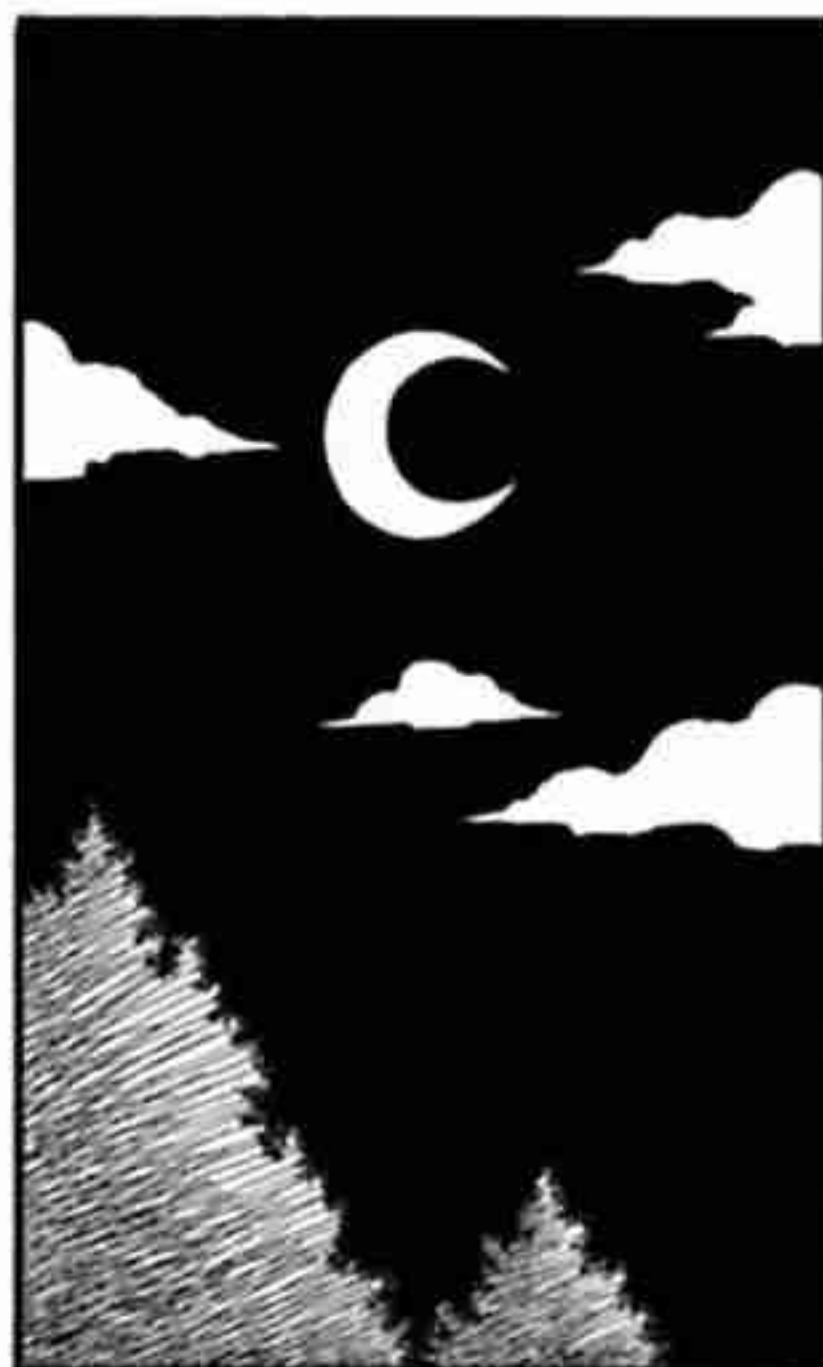
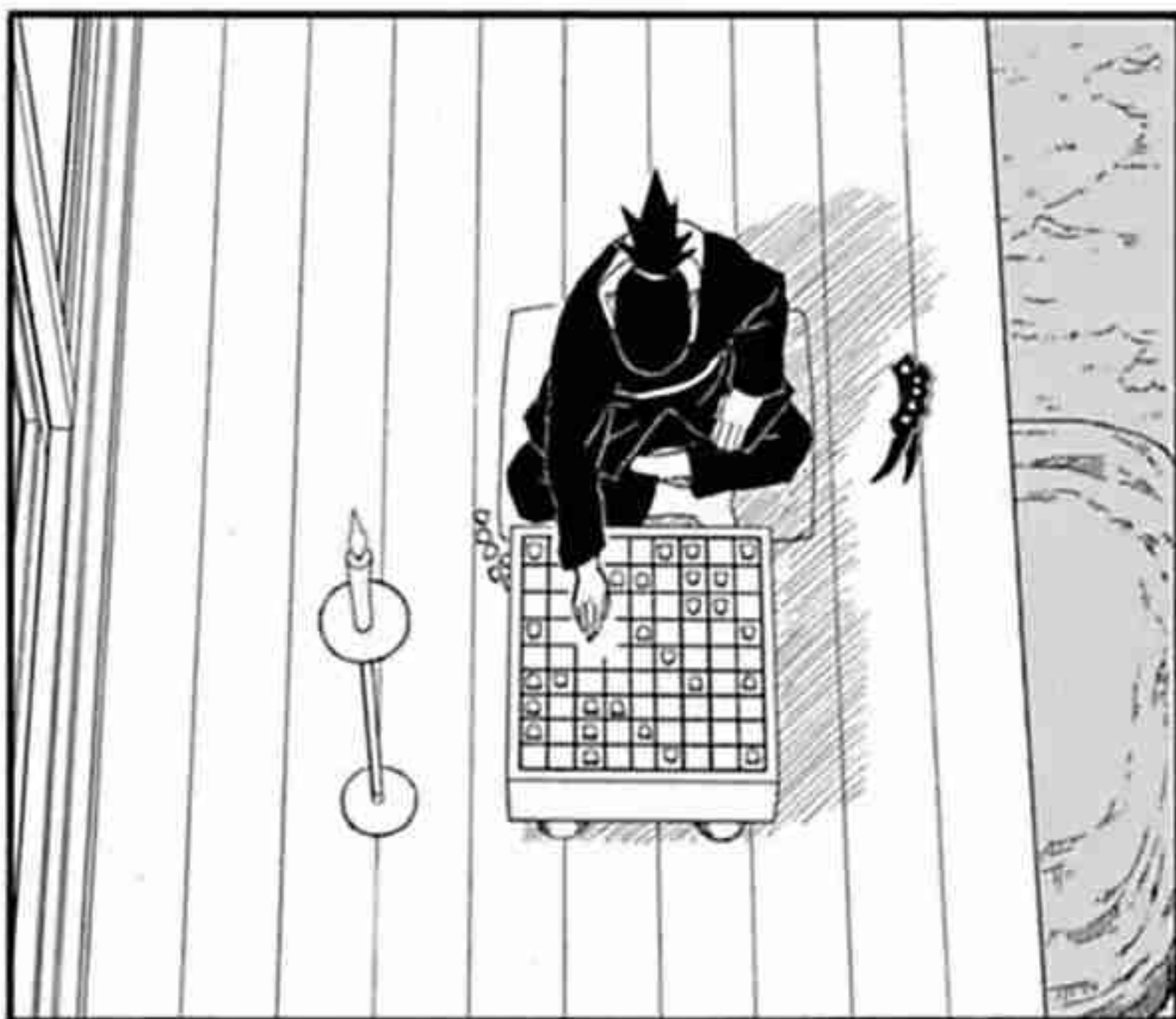


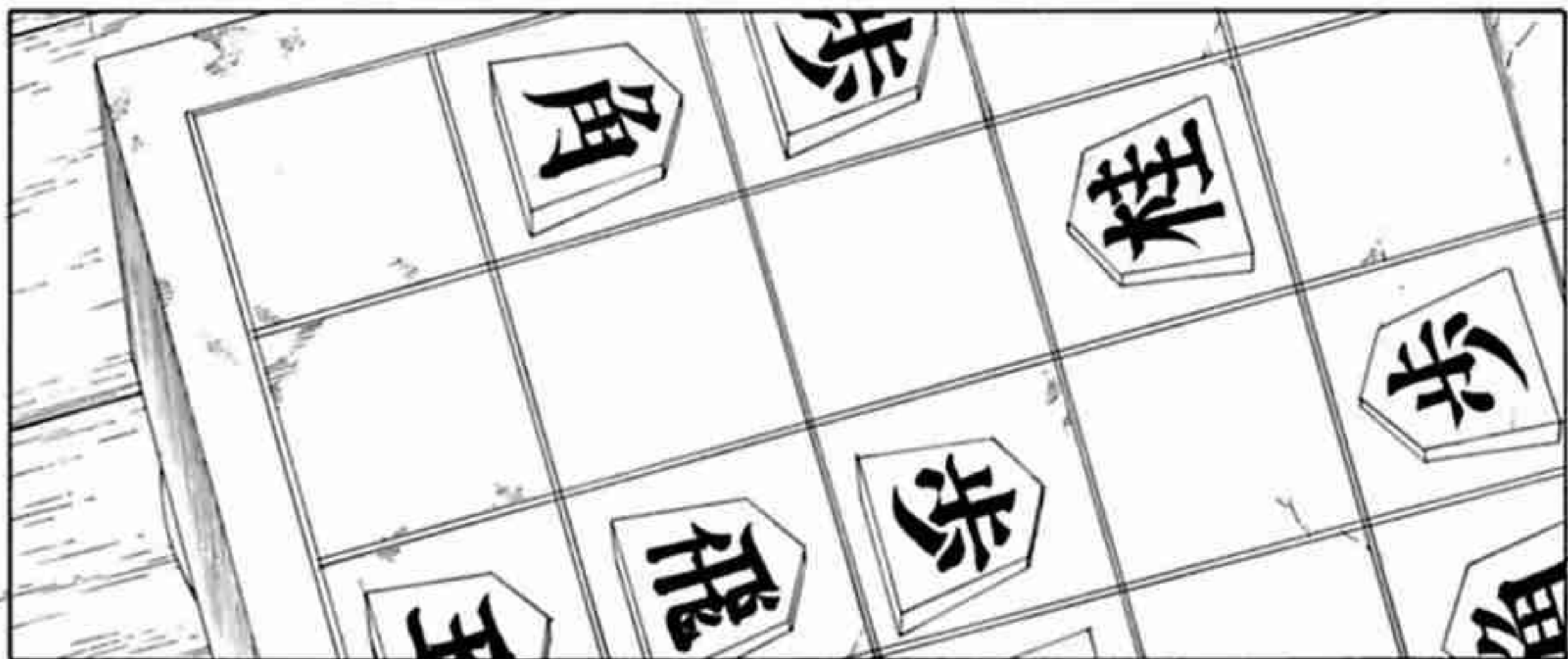
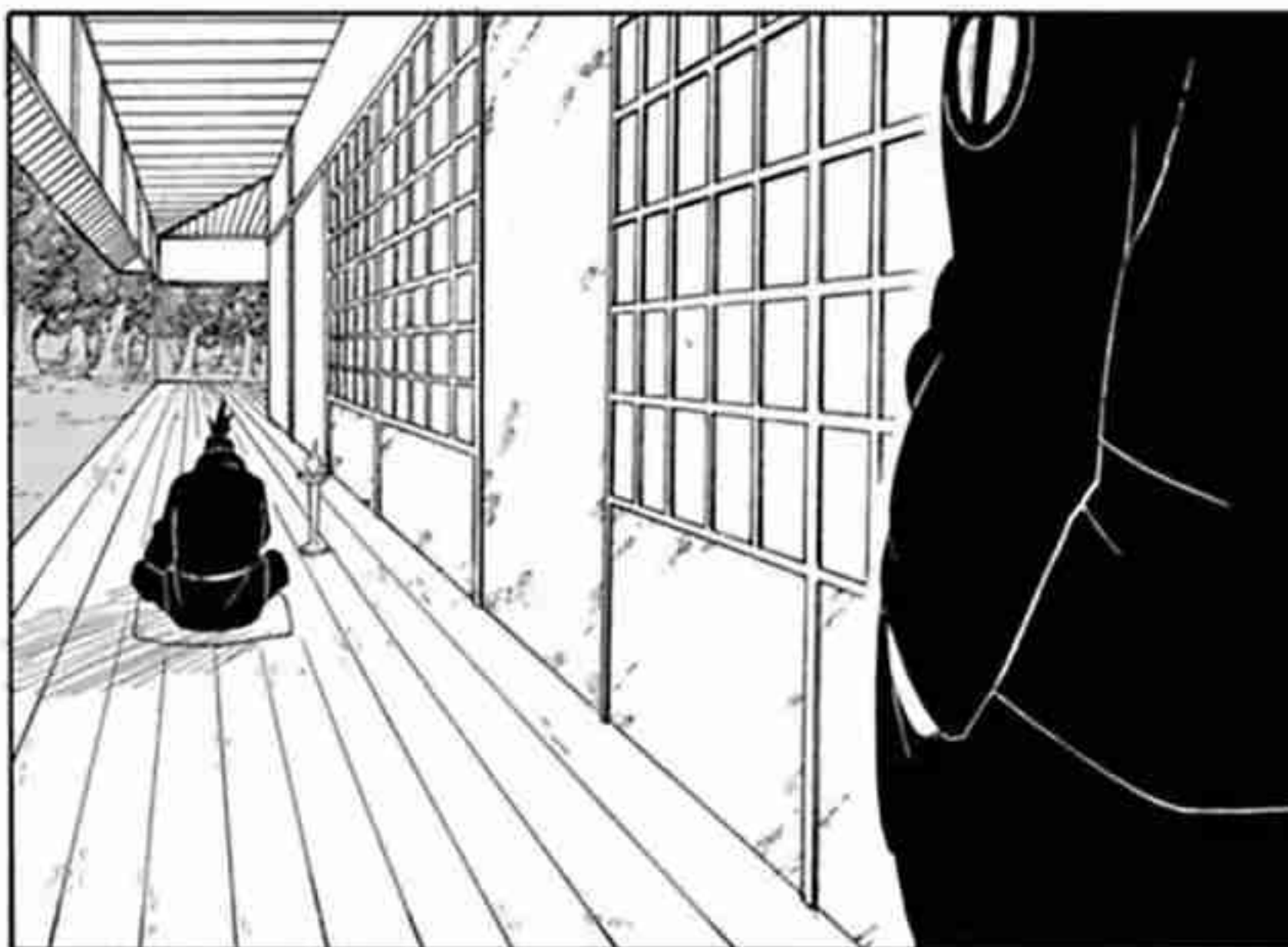
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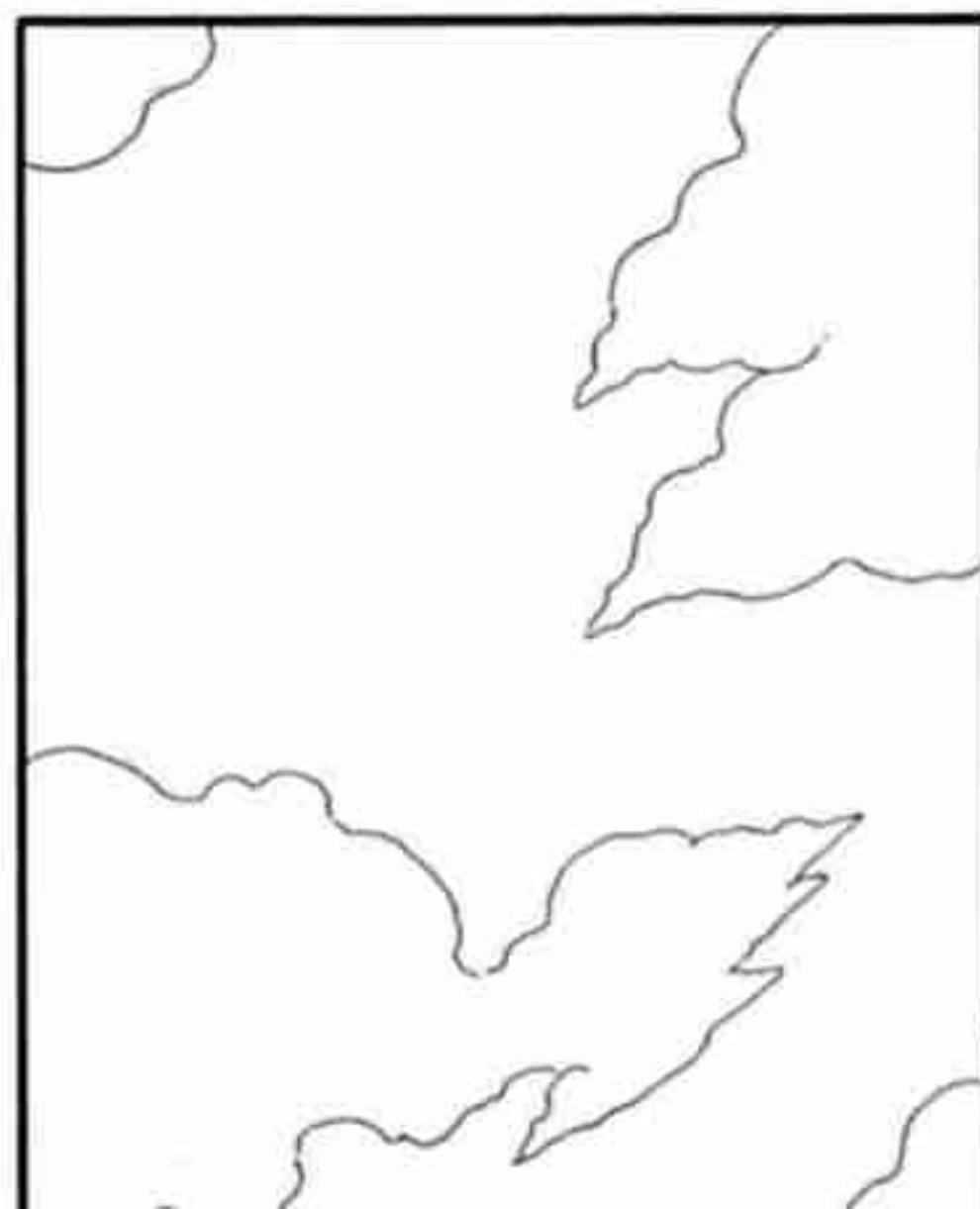
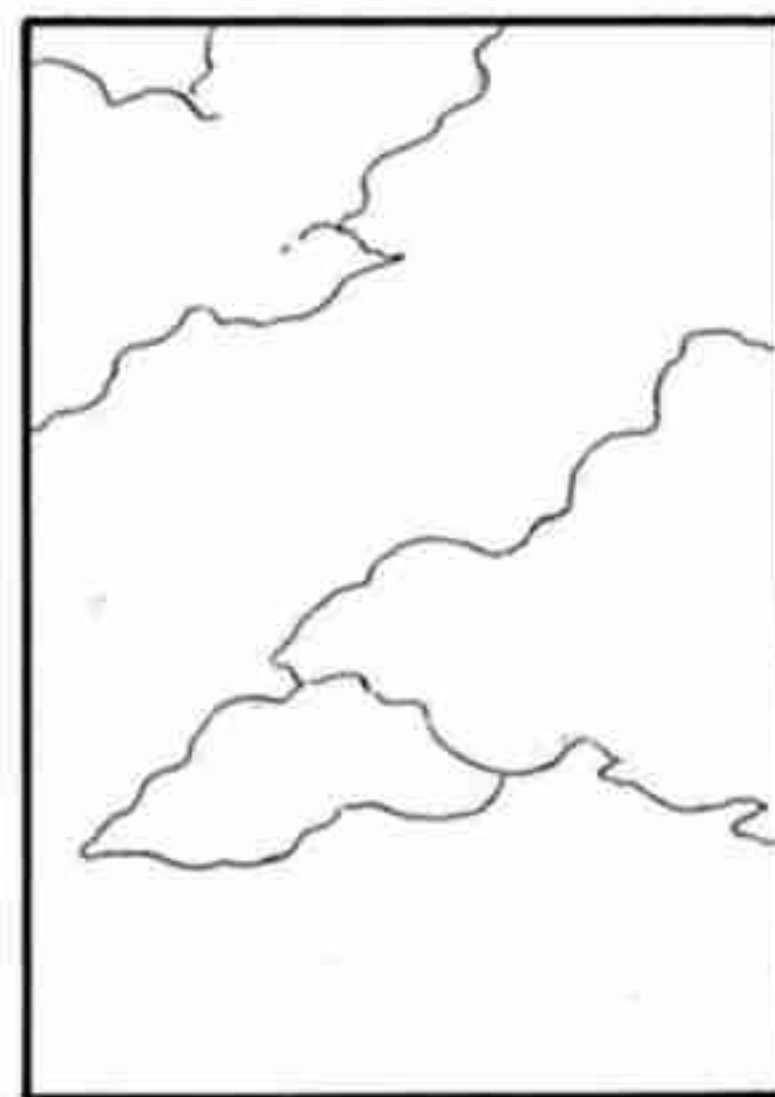


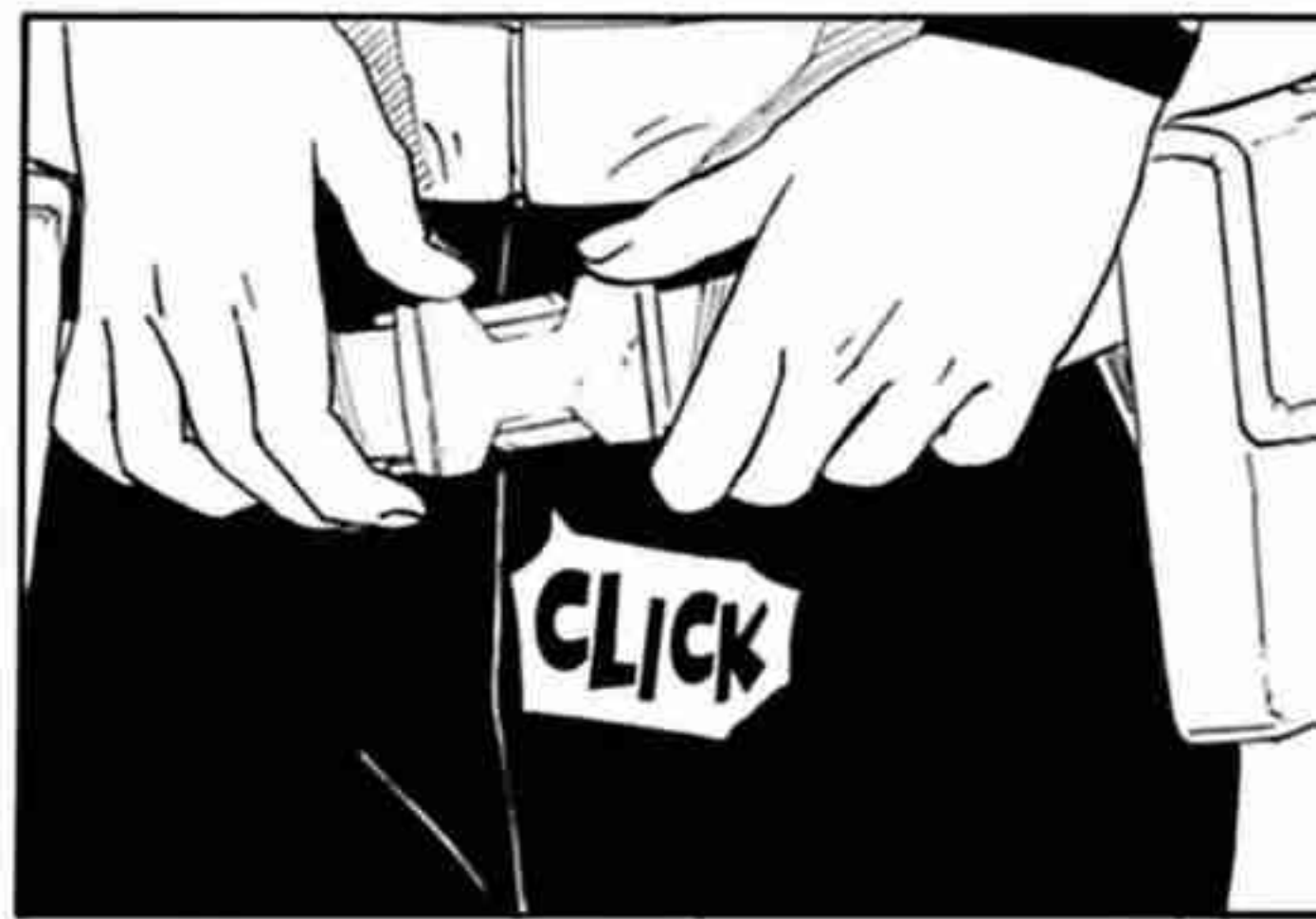




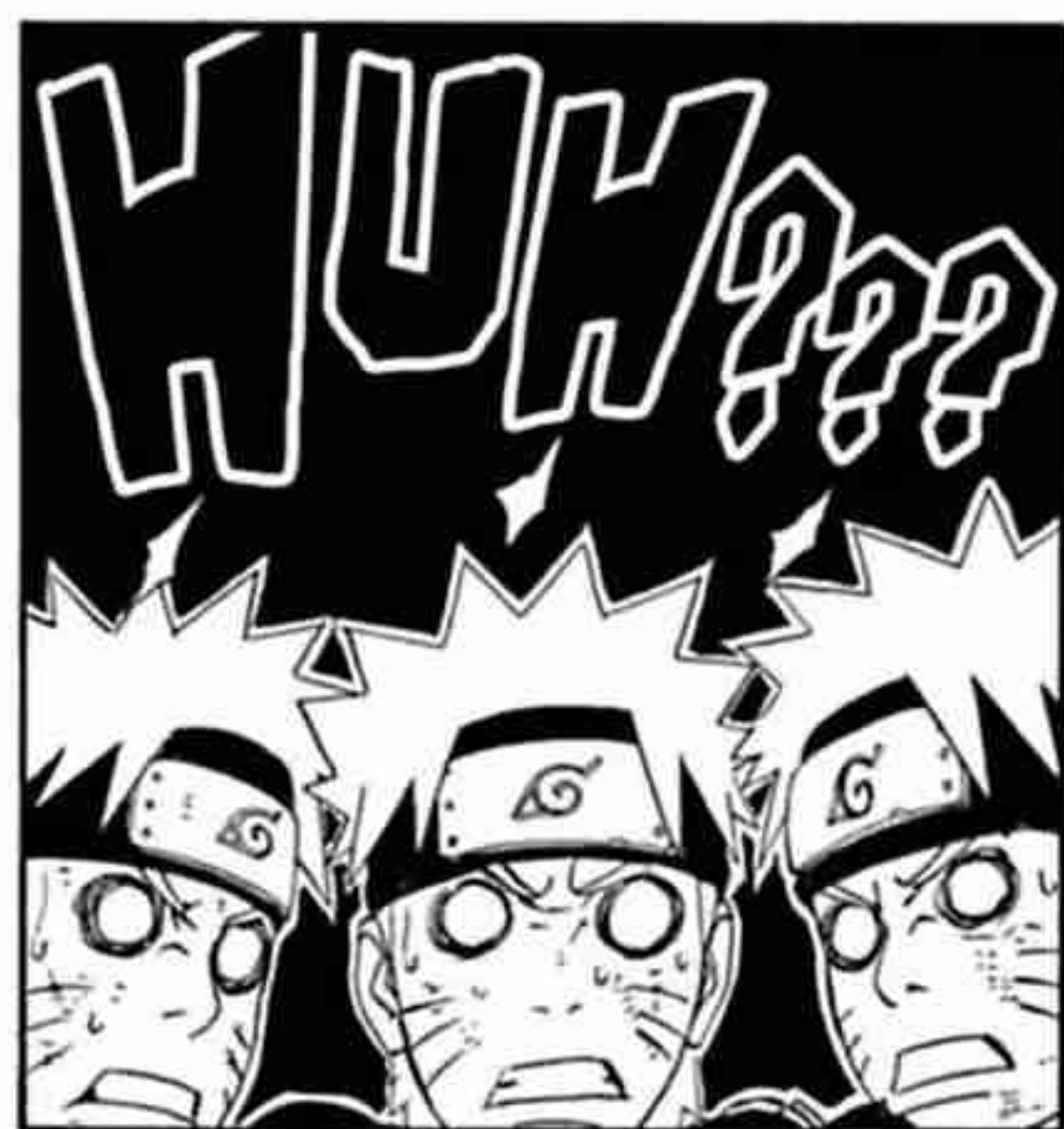




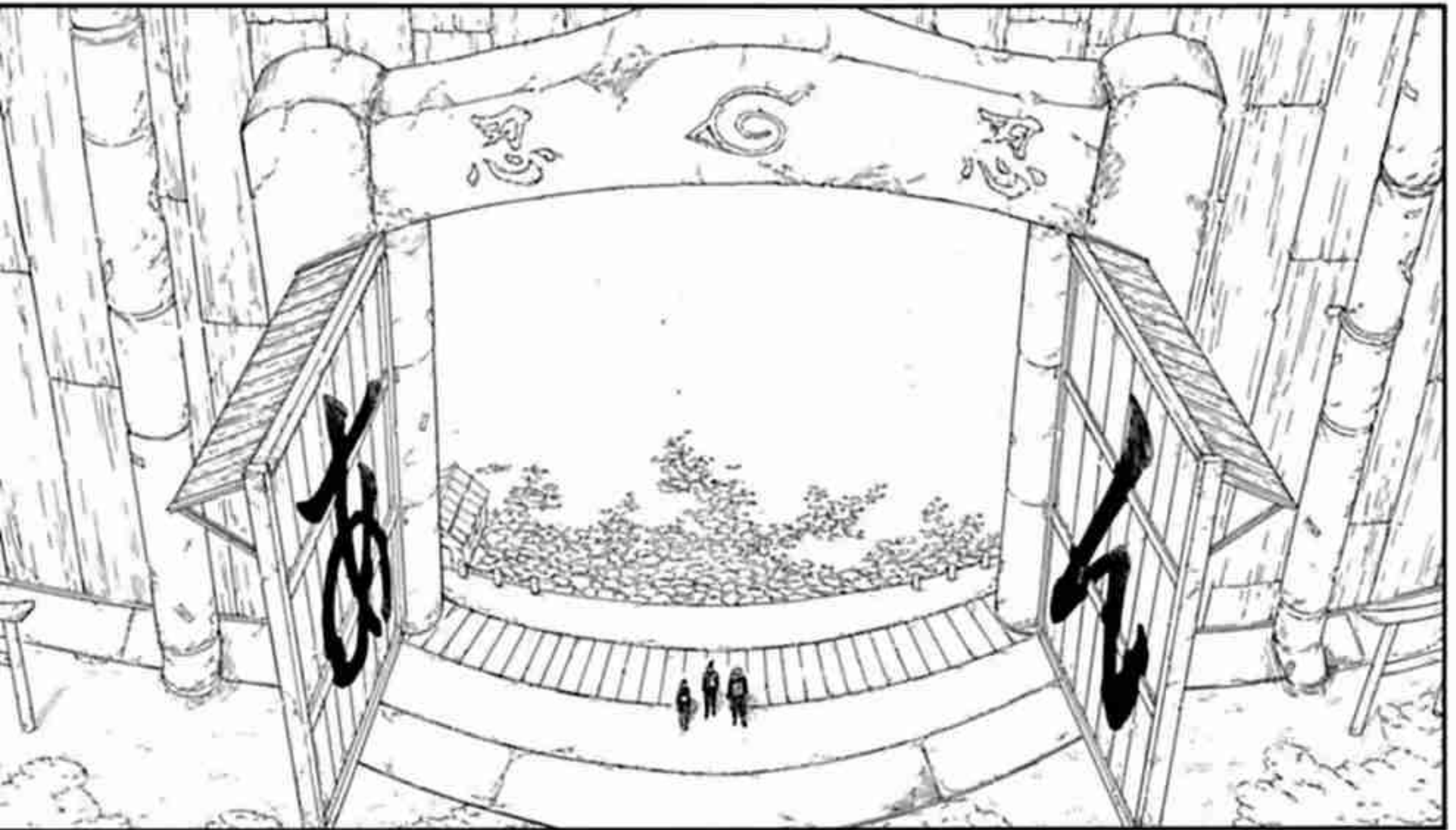








 Number 331: Cell Number 10 Sets Out...!!





Number 33 I:

WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING?

Cell Number 10 Sets Out...!!

WE'VE JUST
ASSEMBLED
A NEW
TEAM...

...AND ARE
HEADING
OUT TO
COMPLETE
THE
MISSION.

YOUR
MISSION
DIRECTIVE
STILL
STANDS...

...THERE
ARE
STILL 18
SQUADS
OUT
THERE
ON THE
MOVE.

KRUNCH...

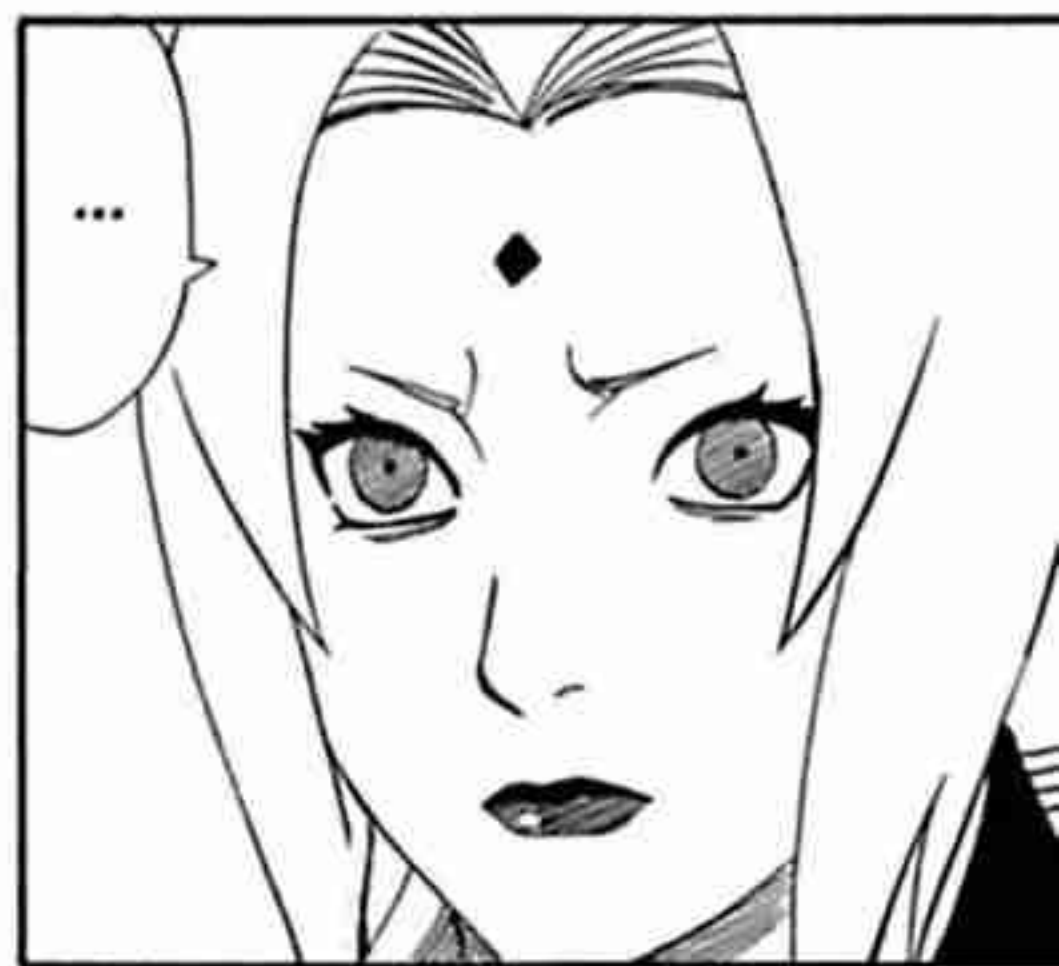
...

LADY
FIFTH...

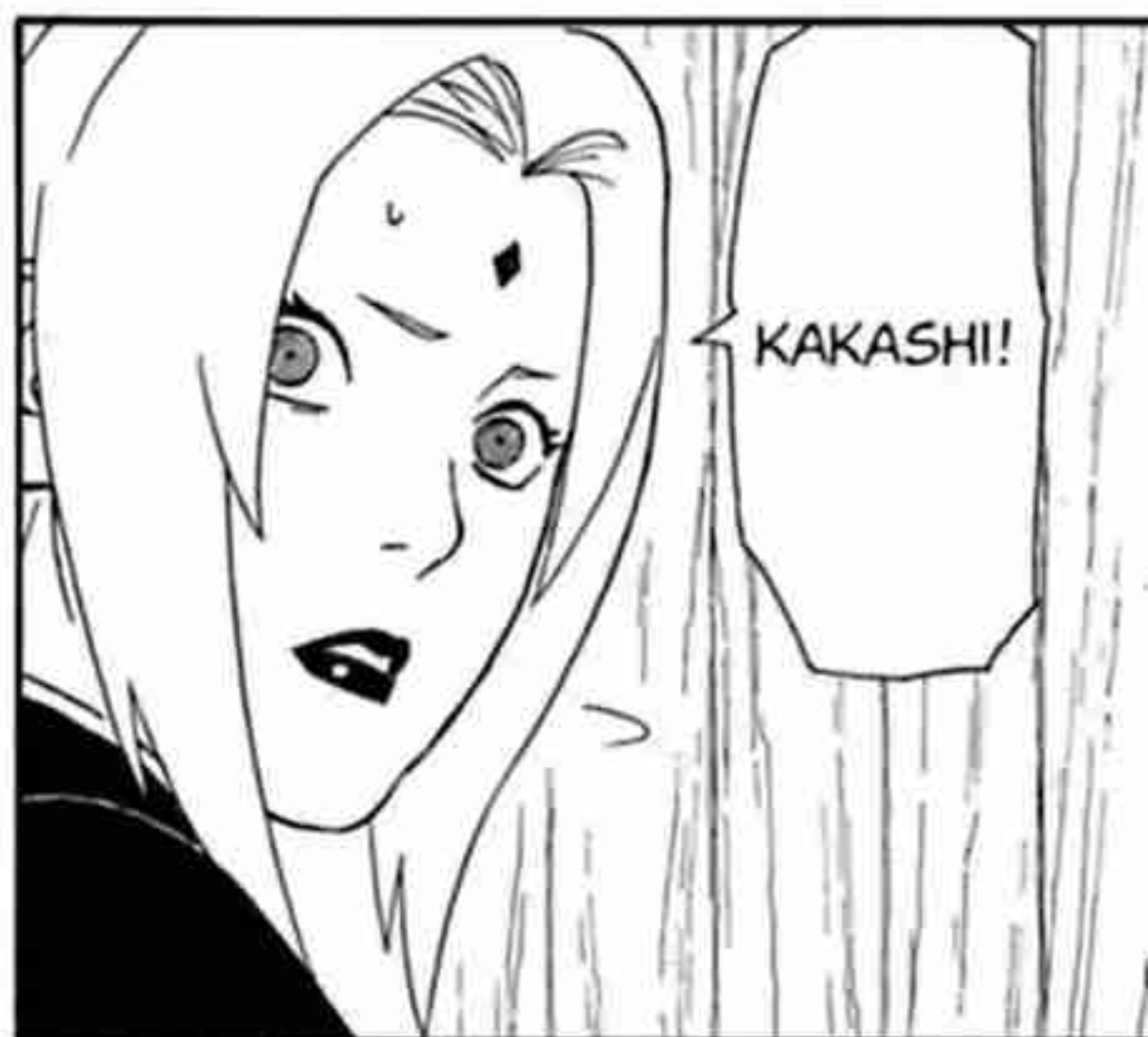






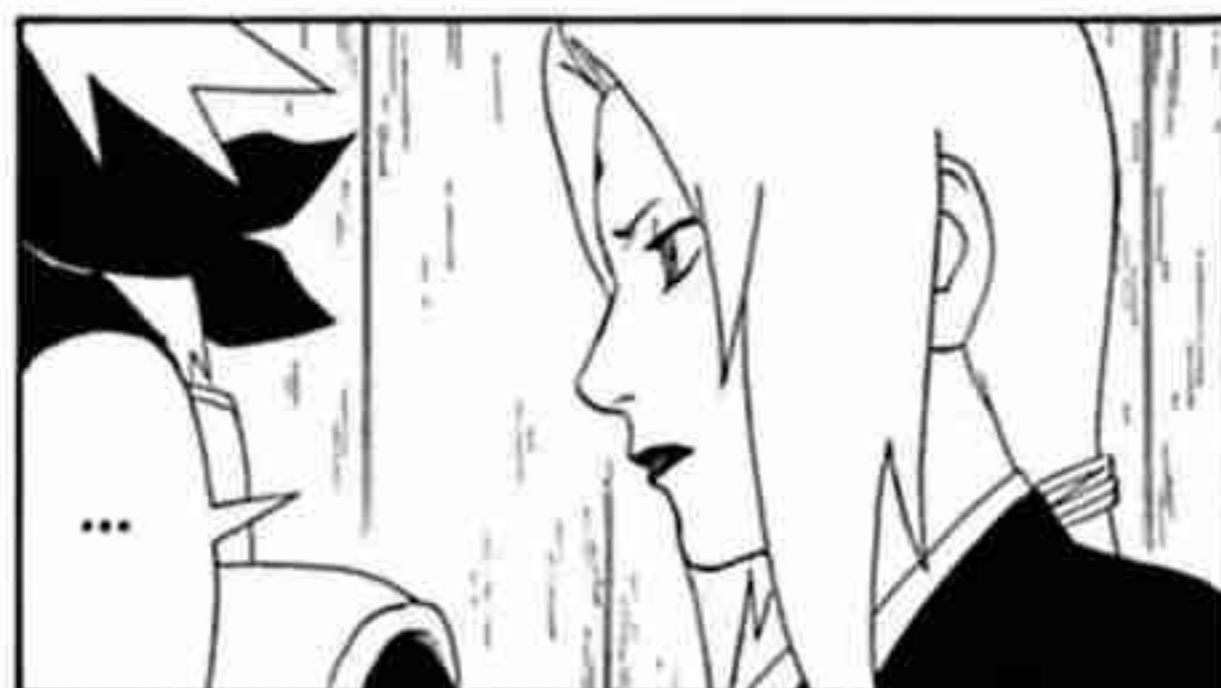


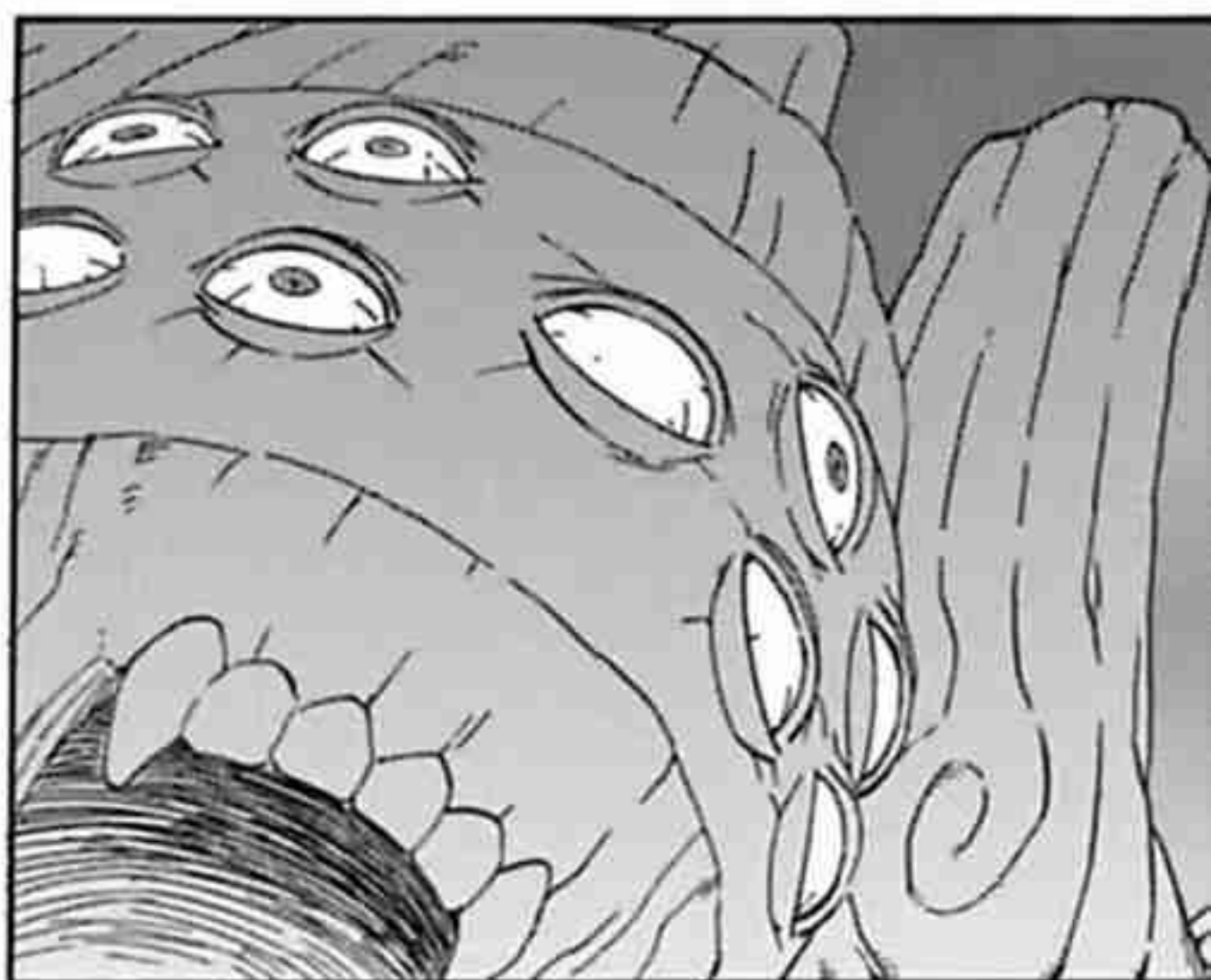
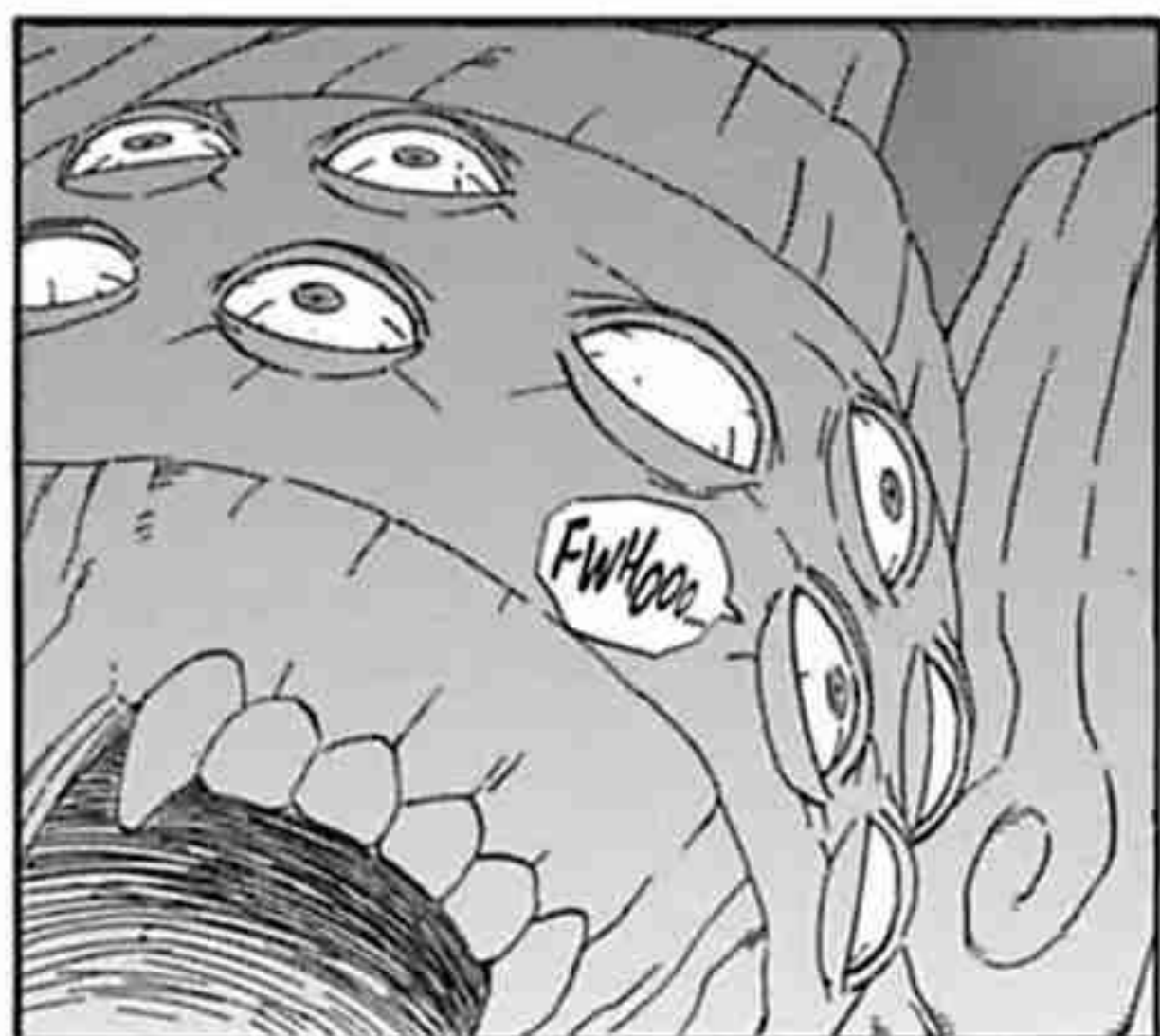
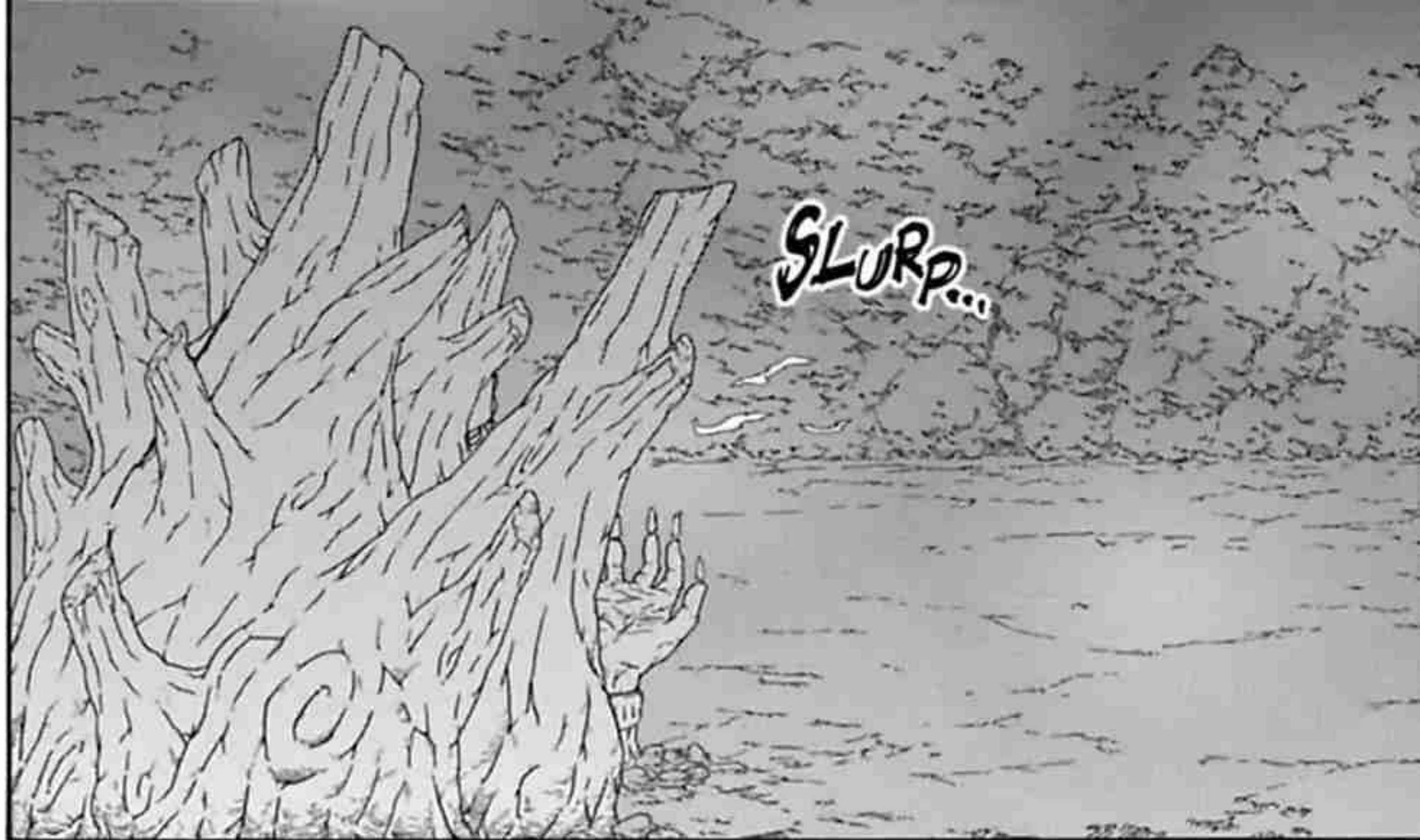


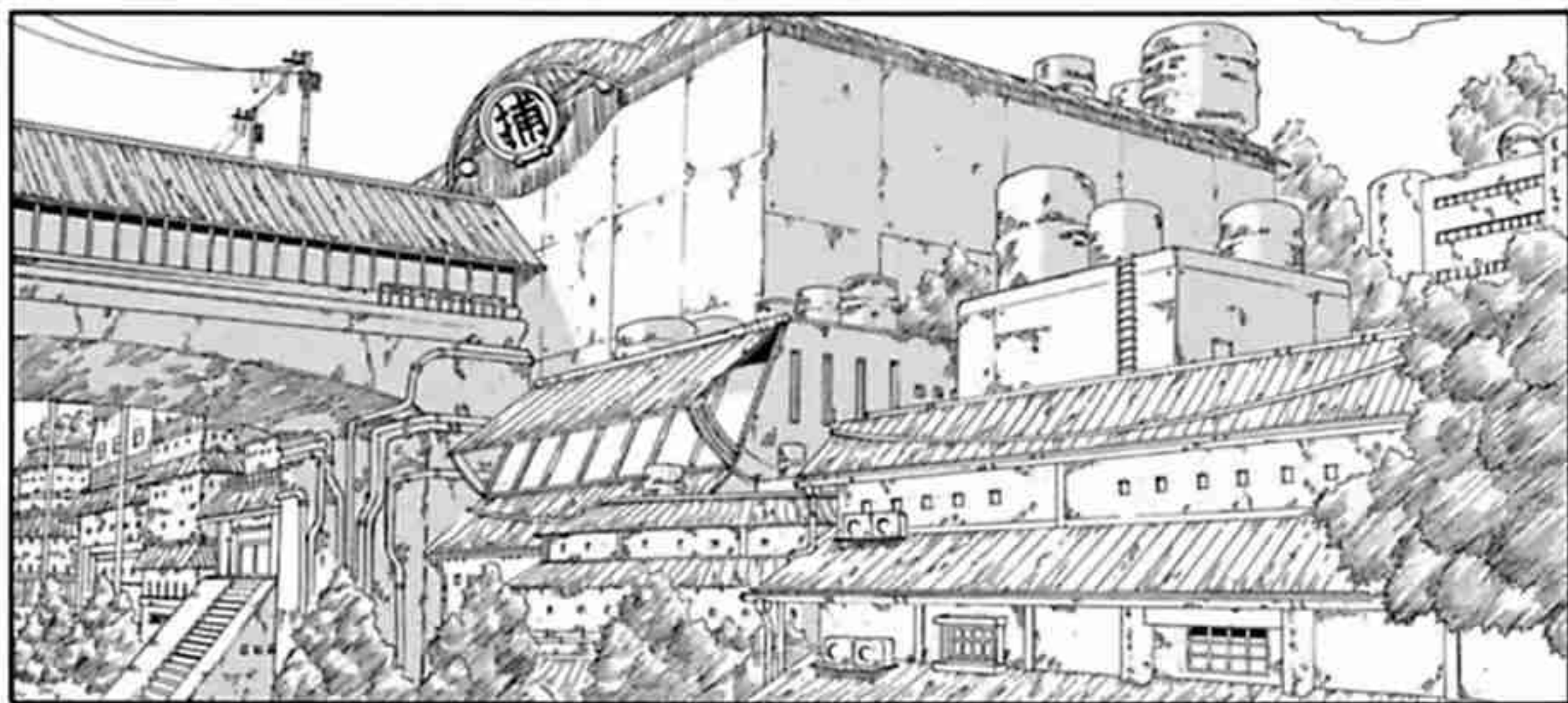




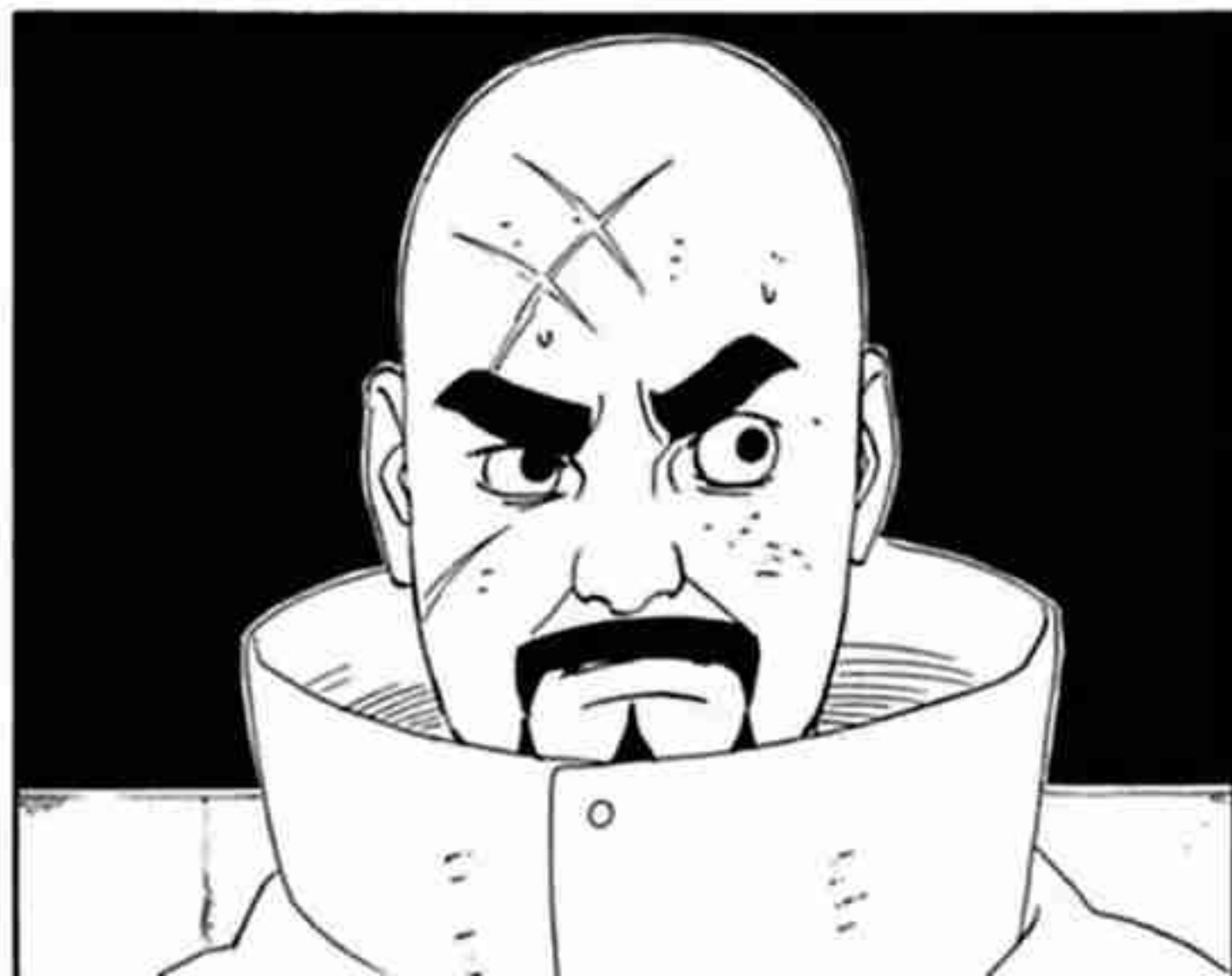




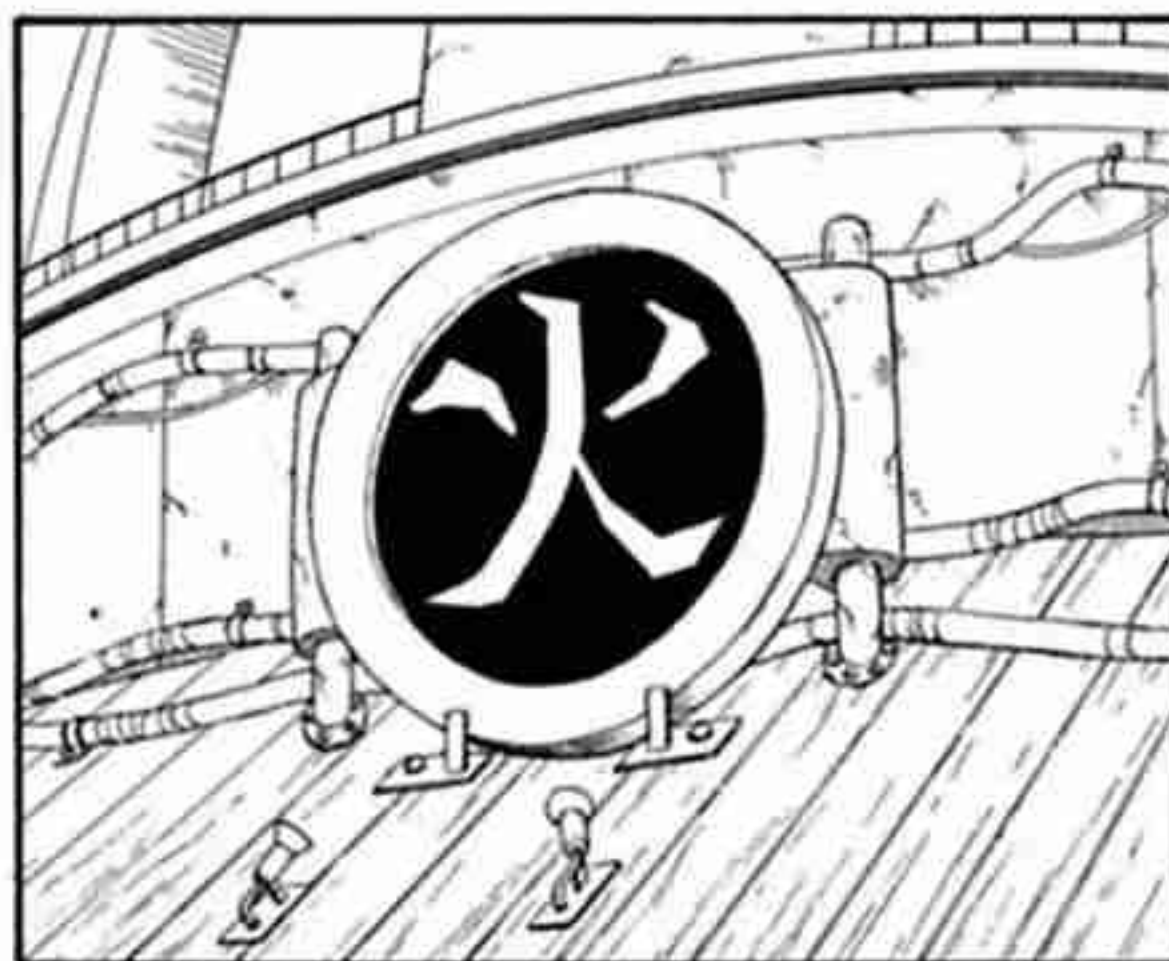




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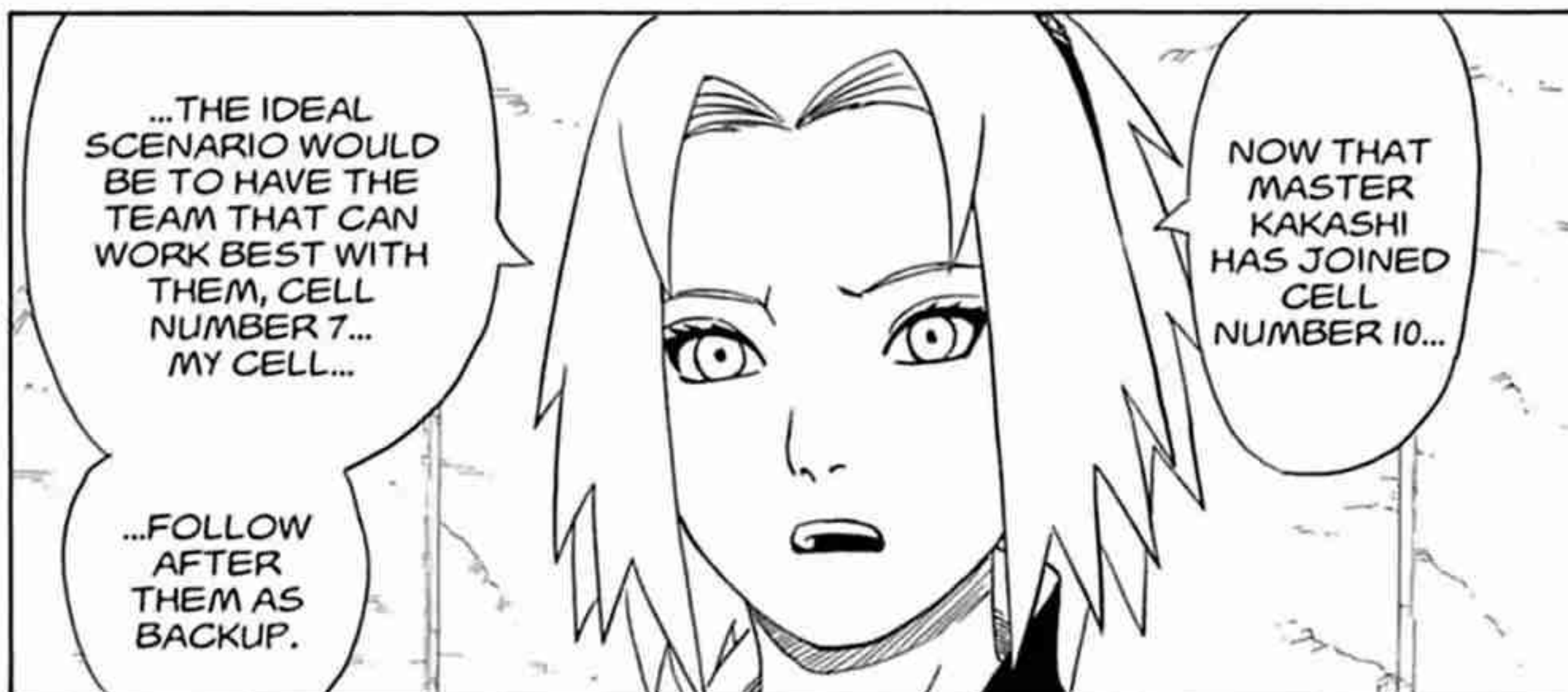


...I
SEE...



...AND
WILL ONLY
REQUIRE
A LITTLE
MORE TIME
TO PERFECT
IT...

ACCORDING
TO MASTER
KAKASHI, HE
SEEMS TO
HAVE FINALLY
GRASPED
THE
PRINCIPLES...



...THE IDEAL
SCENARIO WOULD
BE TO HAVE THE
TEAM THAT CAN
WORK BEST WITH
THEM, CELL
NUMBER 7...
MY CELL...

...FOLLOW
AFTER
THEM AS
BACKUP.

NOW THAT
MASTER
KAKASHI
HAS JOINED
CELL
NUMBER 10...



...

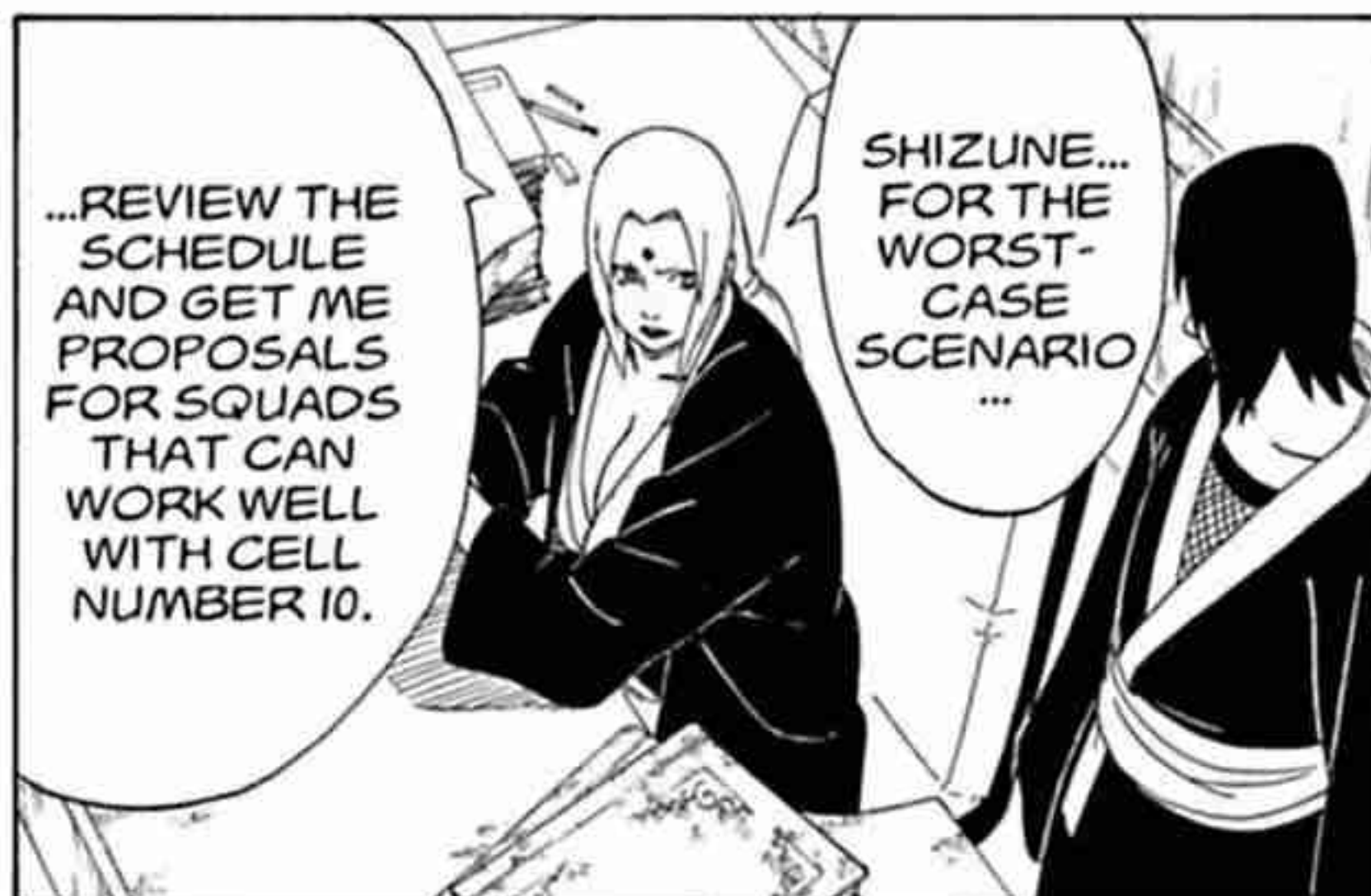


HOWEVER, WE
DON'T KNOW
EXACTLY WHEN
NARUTO WILL
PERFECT HIS
NEW JUTSU...

...SO PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
SEND A
DIFFERENT
SQUAD...?



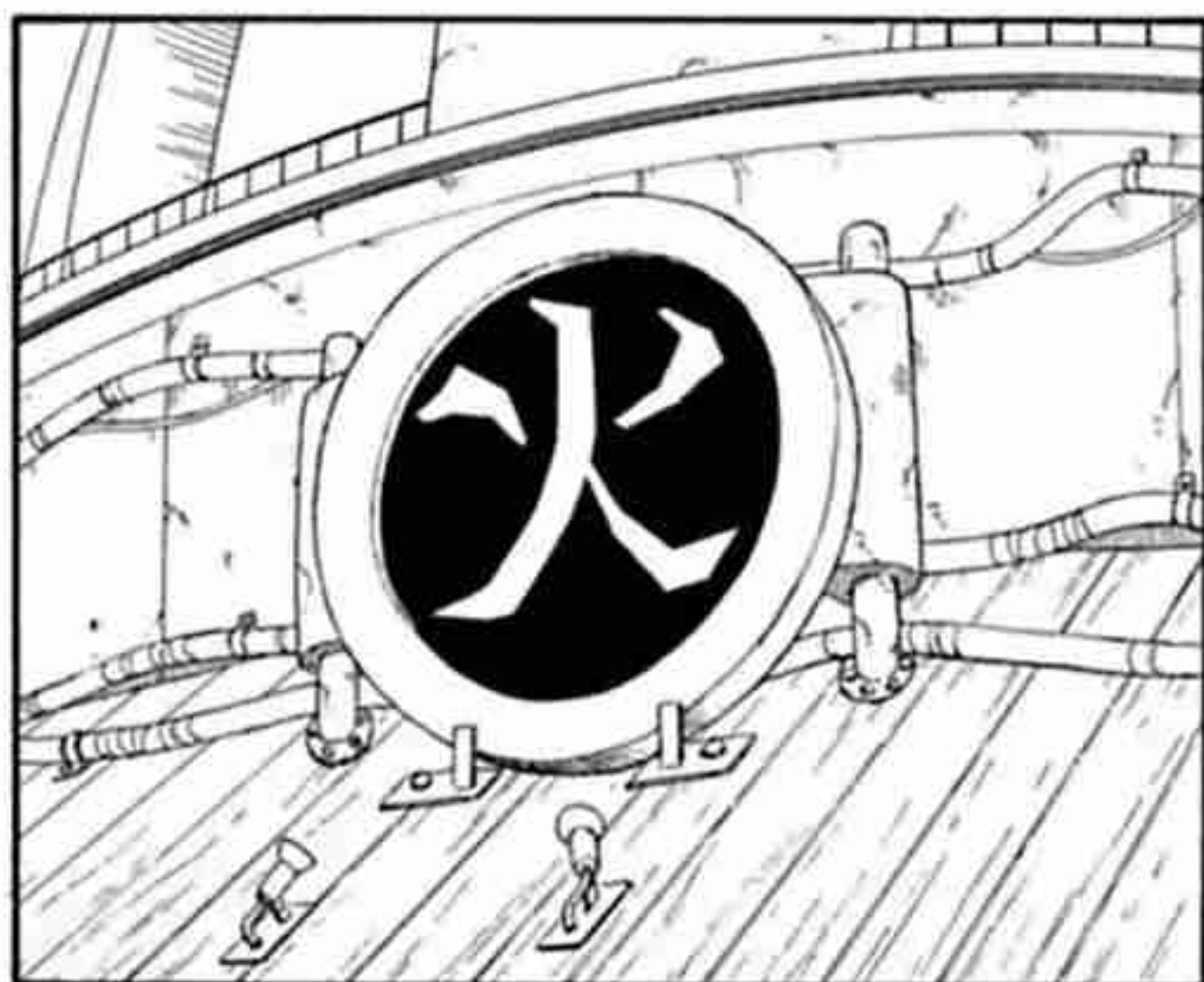
...AS
ALWAYS. ...SHARP,
SAKURA...



Number 332: Shikamaru's Battle!!



NARUTO











BE CAREFUL IF
YOU RUN INTO
HIM, HMMM...

THERE'S A
JINCHŪRIKI
THERE NAMED
UZUMAKI
NARUTO.

KAKUZU,
HIDAN, IF
YOU TWO
ARE
HEADING TO
KONOHA...

...A WORD
OF
WARNING,
HMMM...



WHOSE
SIDE ARE
YOU ON?!

HEY!
KAKUZU!



BETTER
ARM THAN
NECK...



SAYS THE
WEAKLING...

...WHO HAD TO
HAVE HIS ARM
REATTACHED
BY KAKUZU!

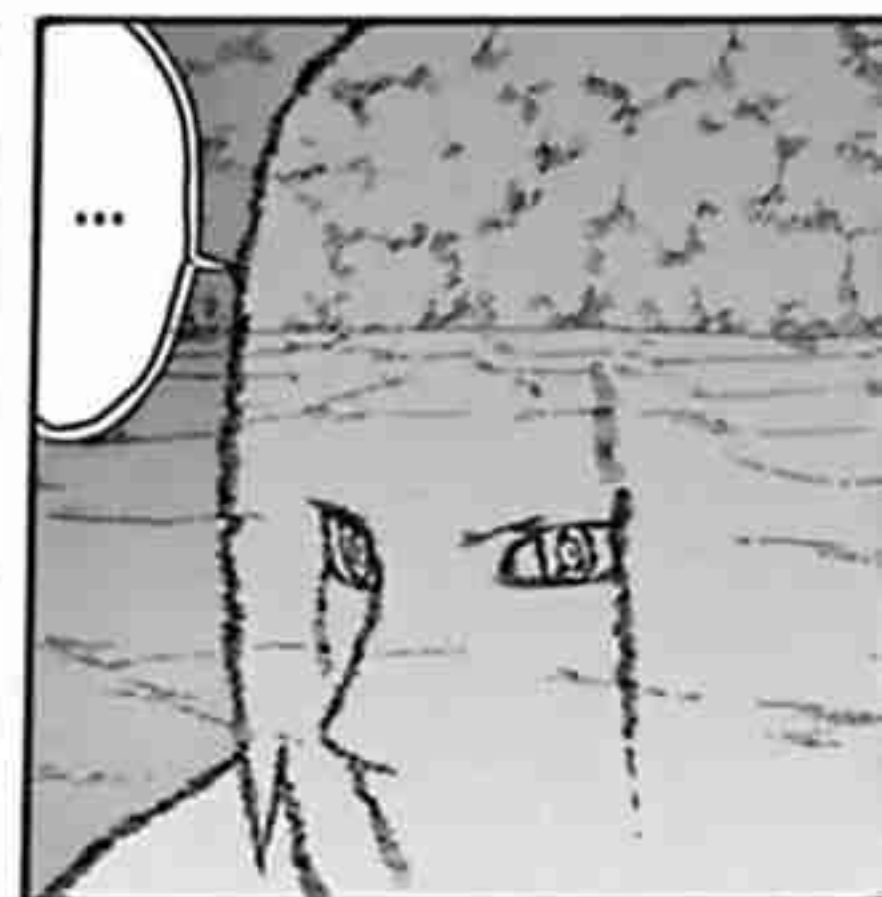


HMPH...

YWEEN

YWEEN

COME
ON,
LET'S
GO.



...

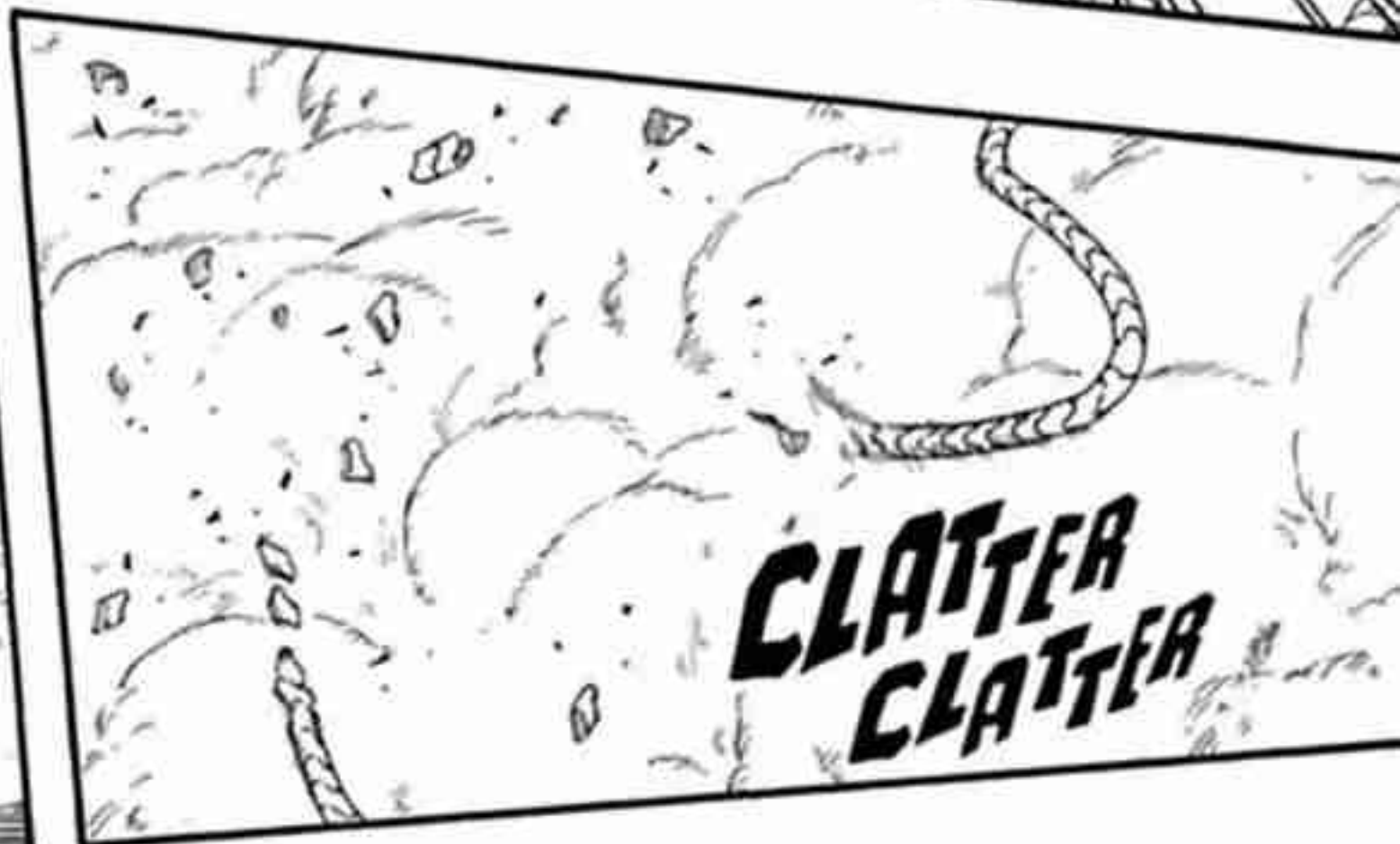
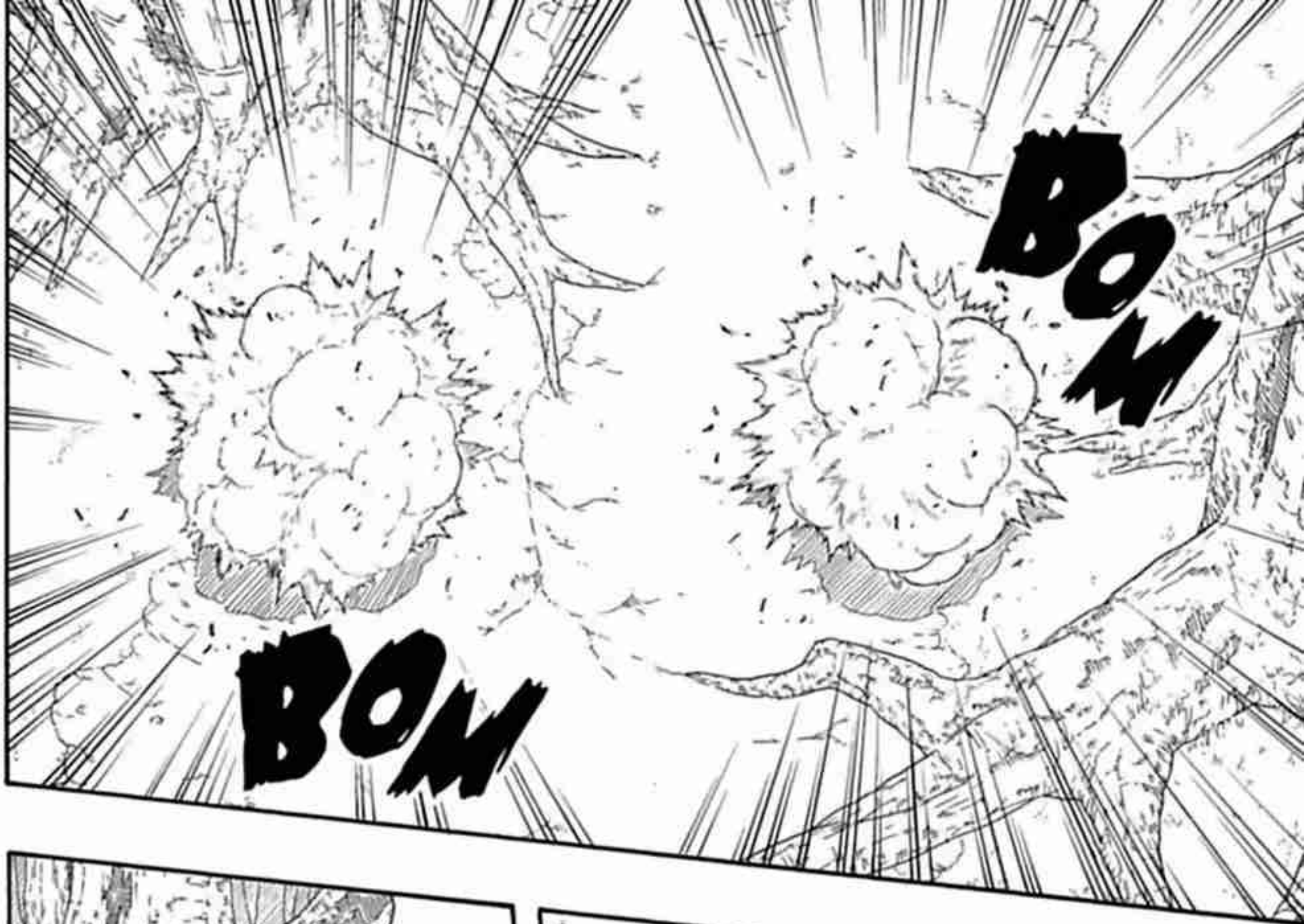


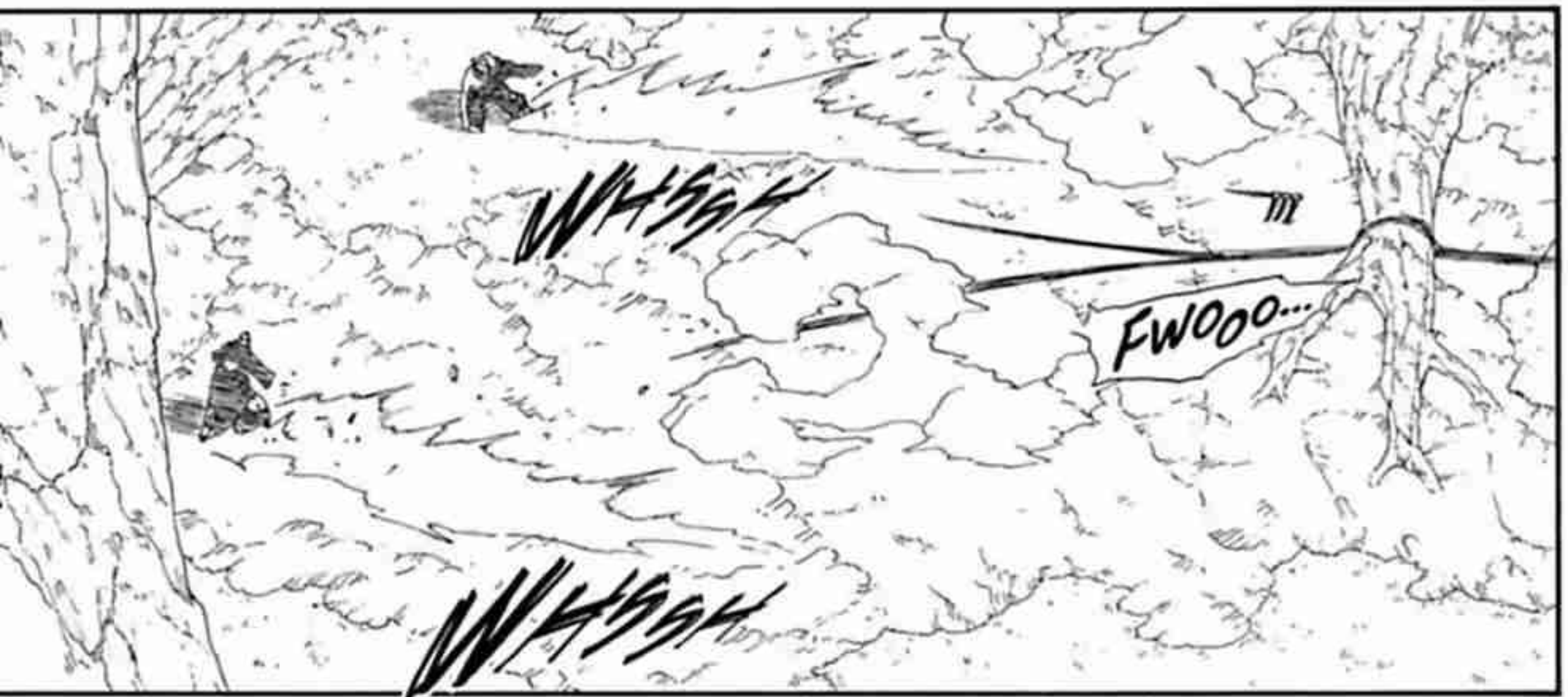
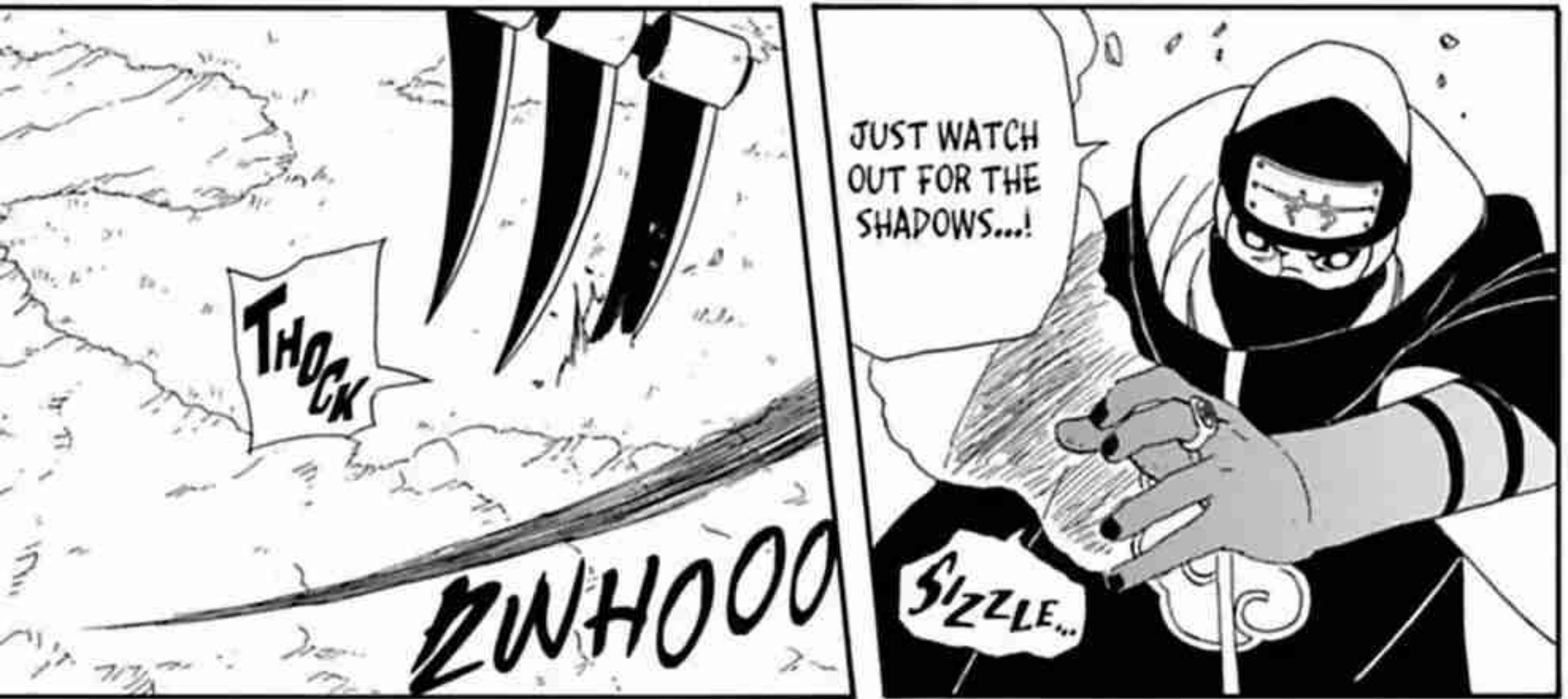




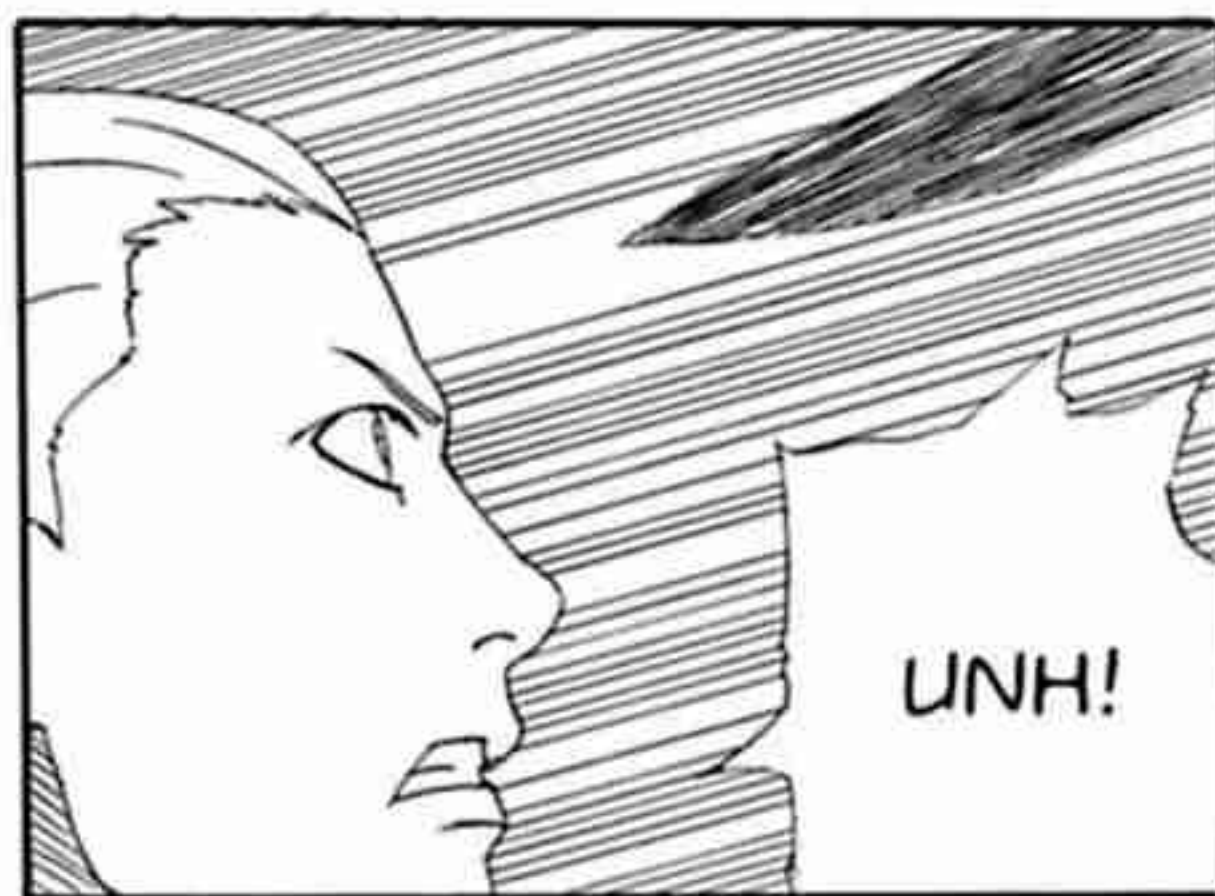




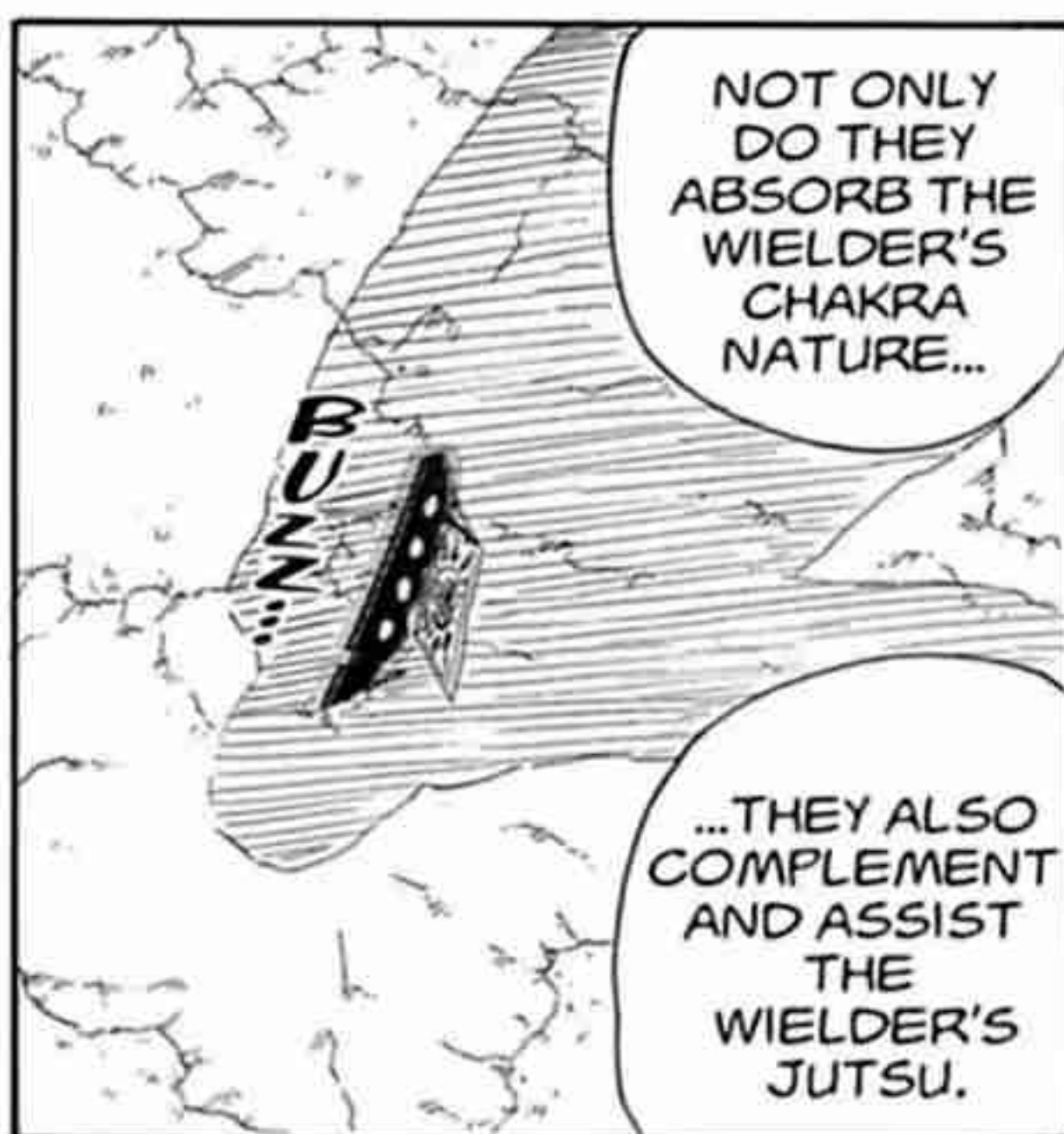


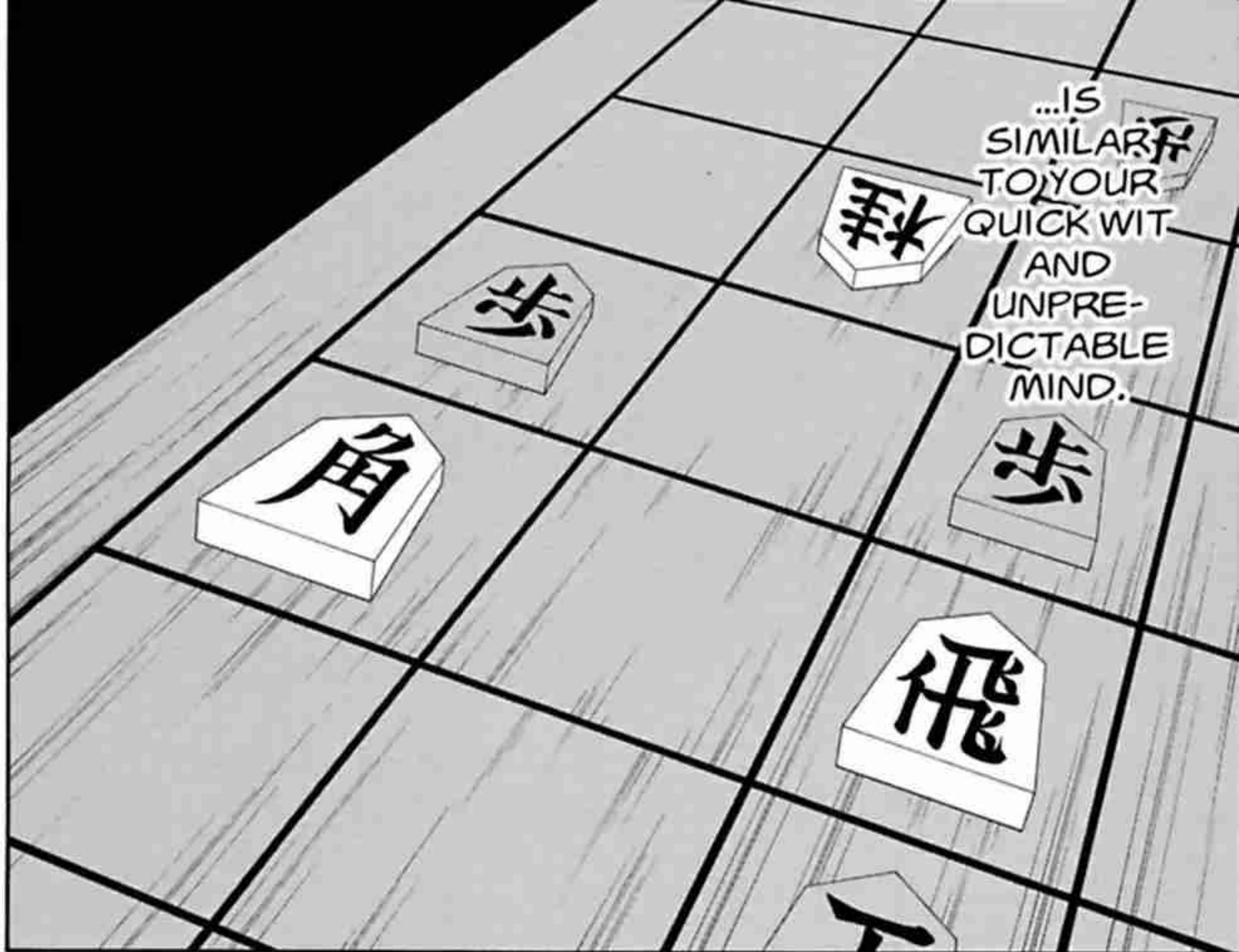




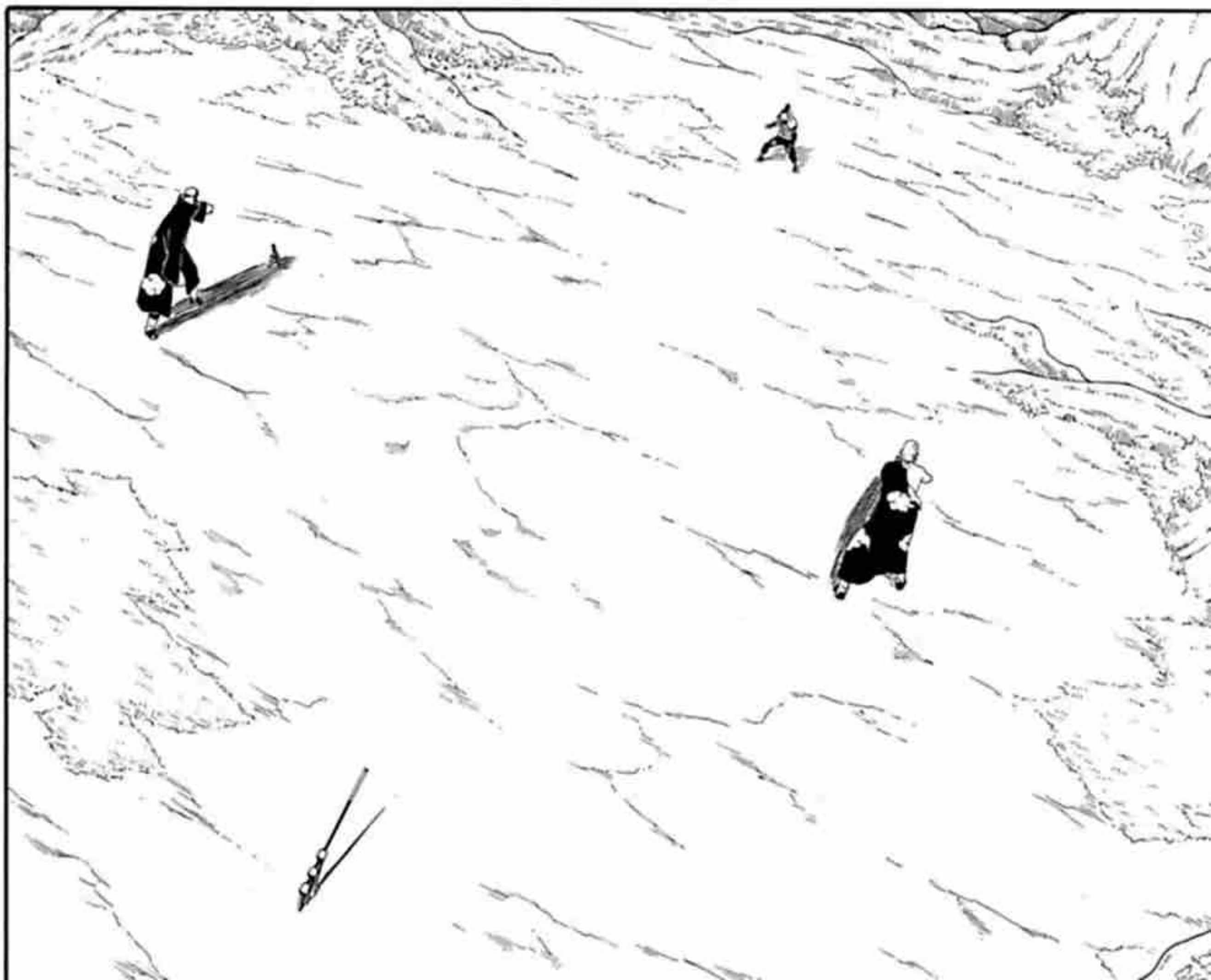








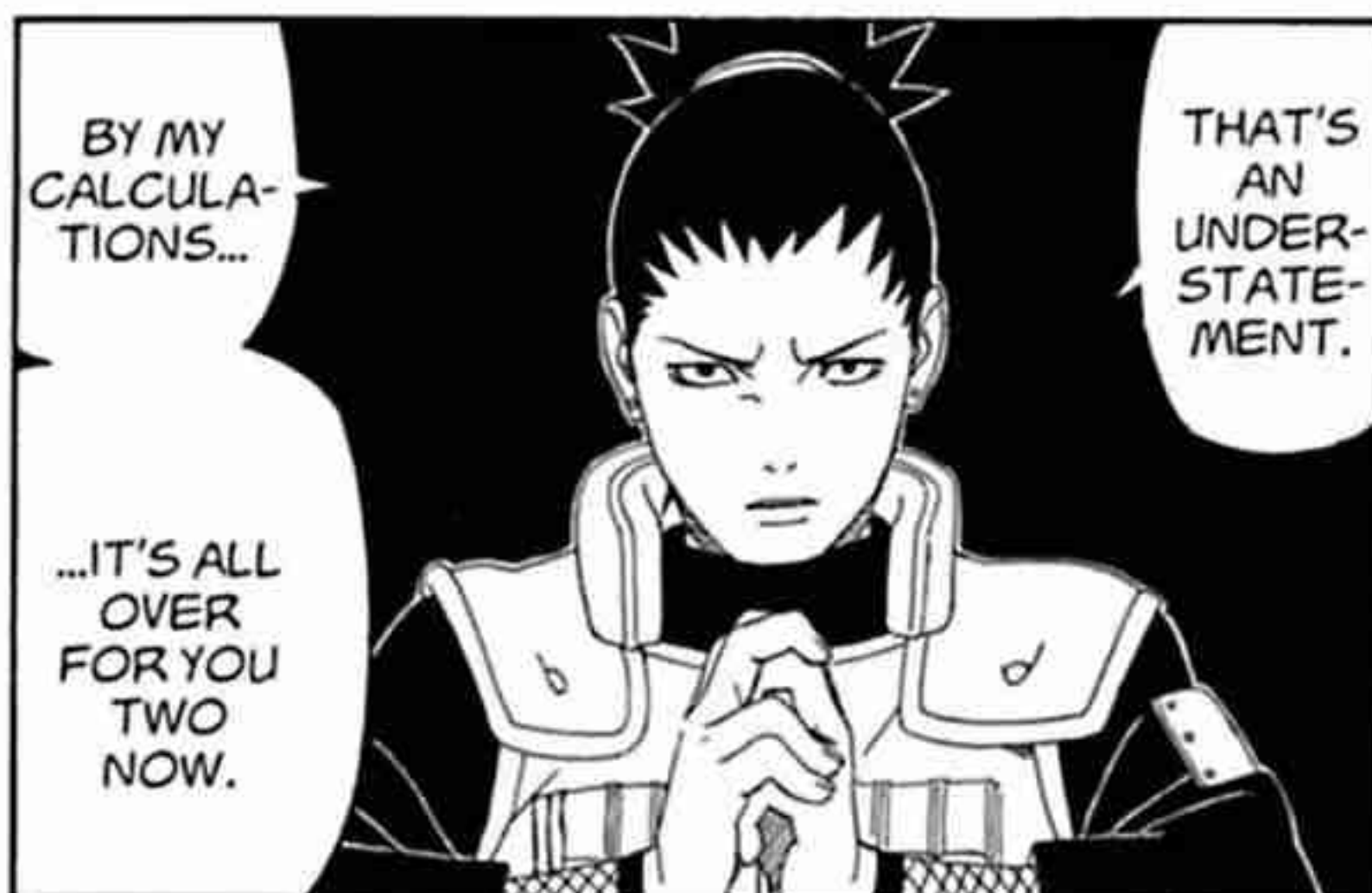
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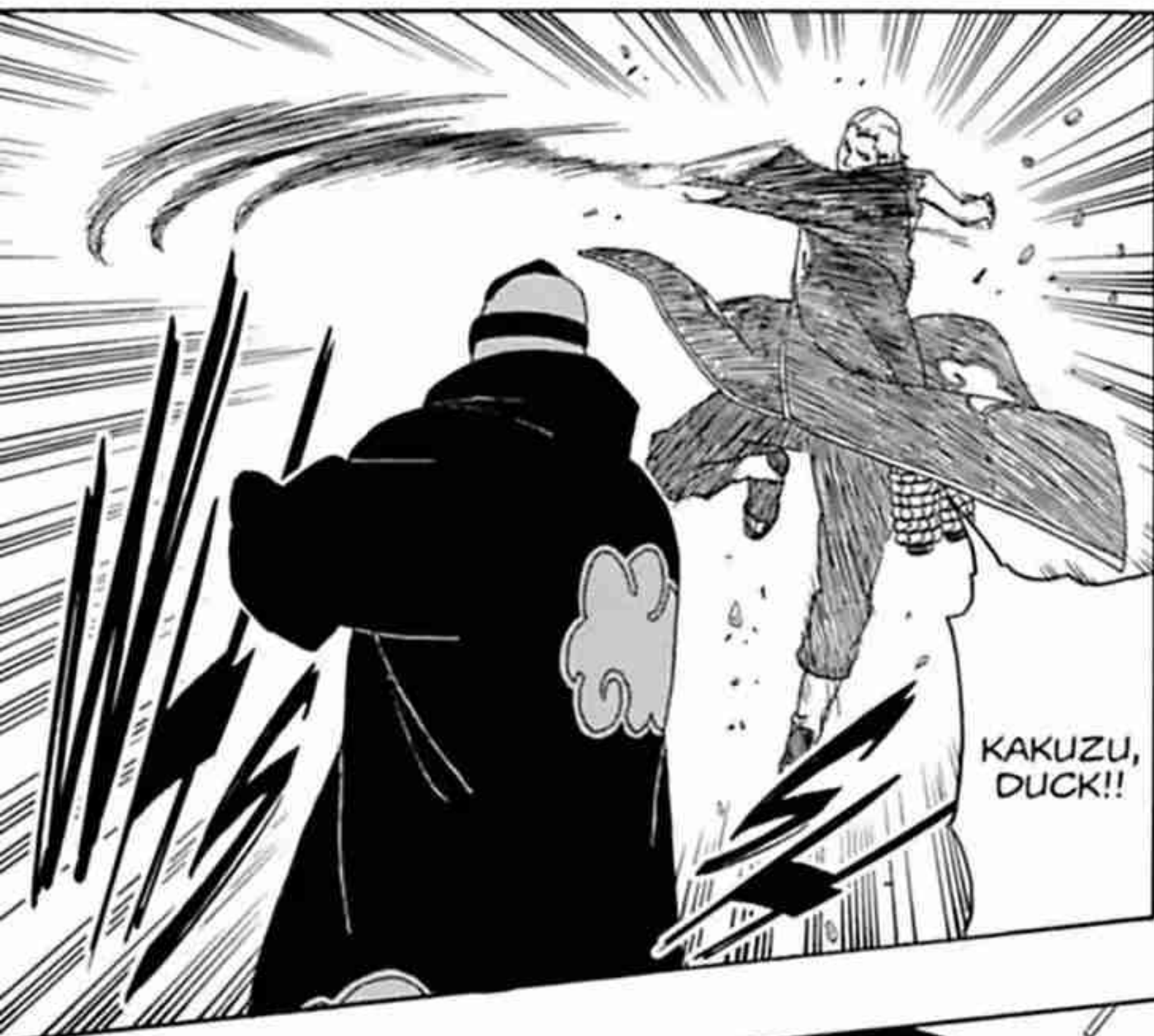


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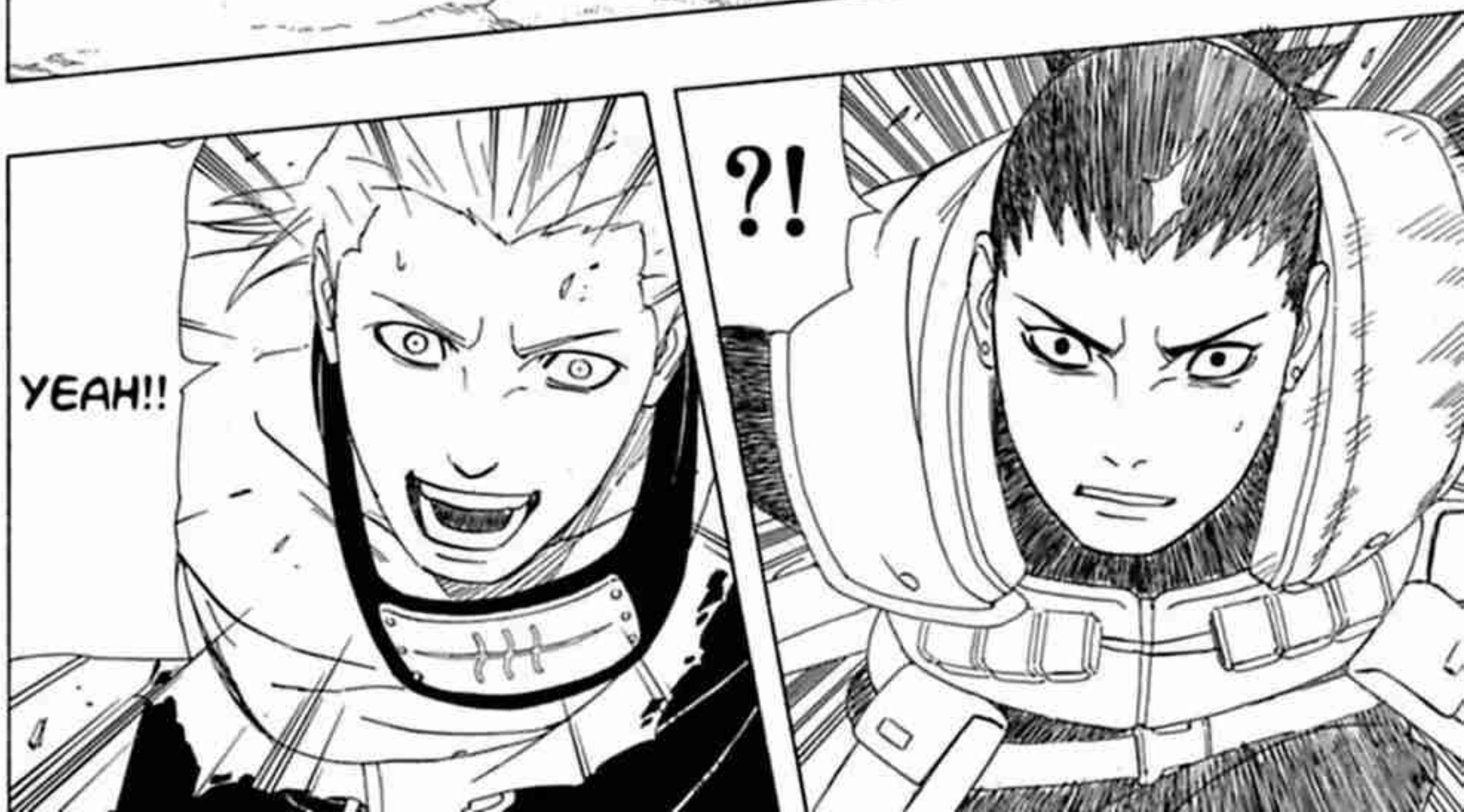


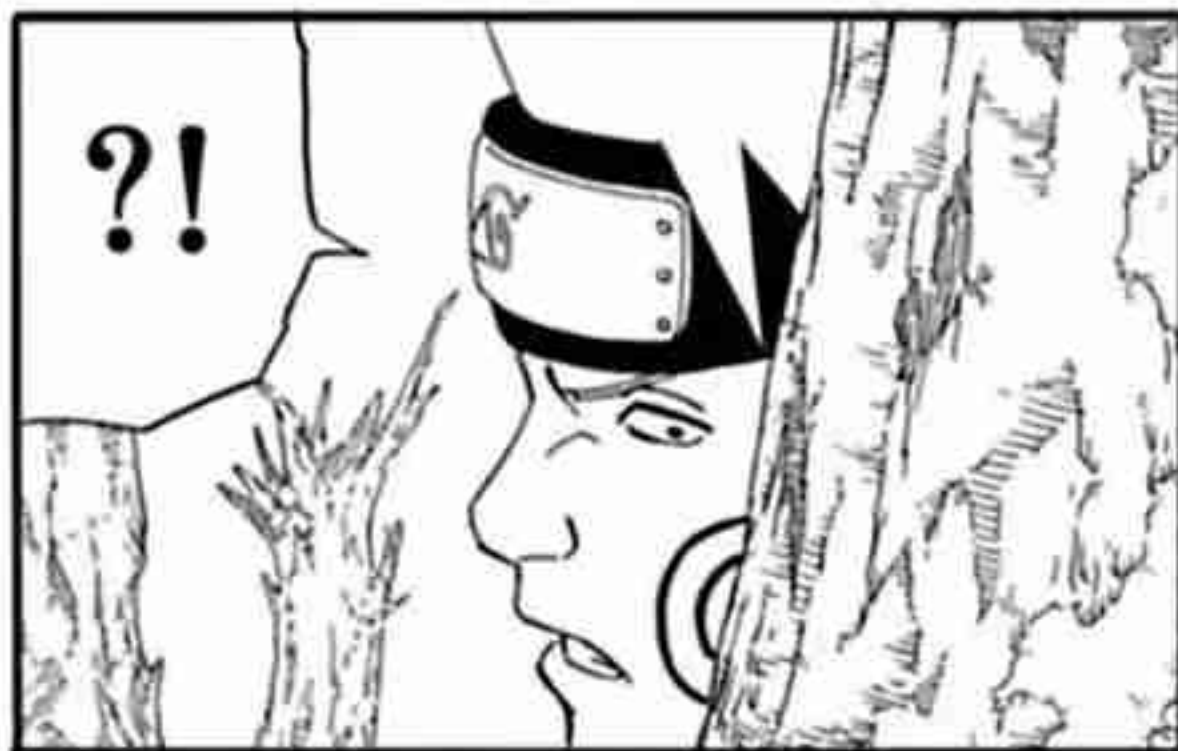


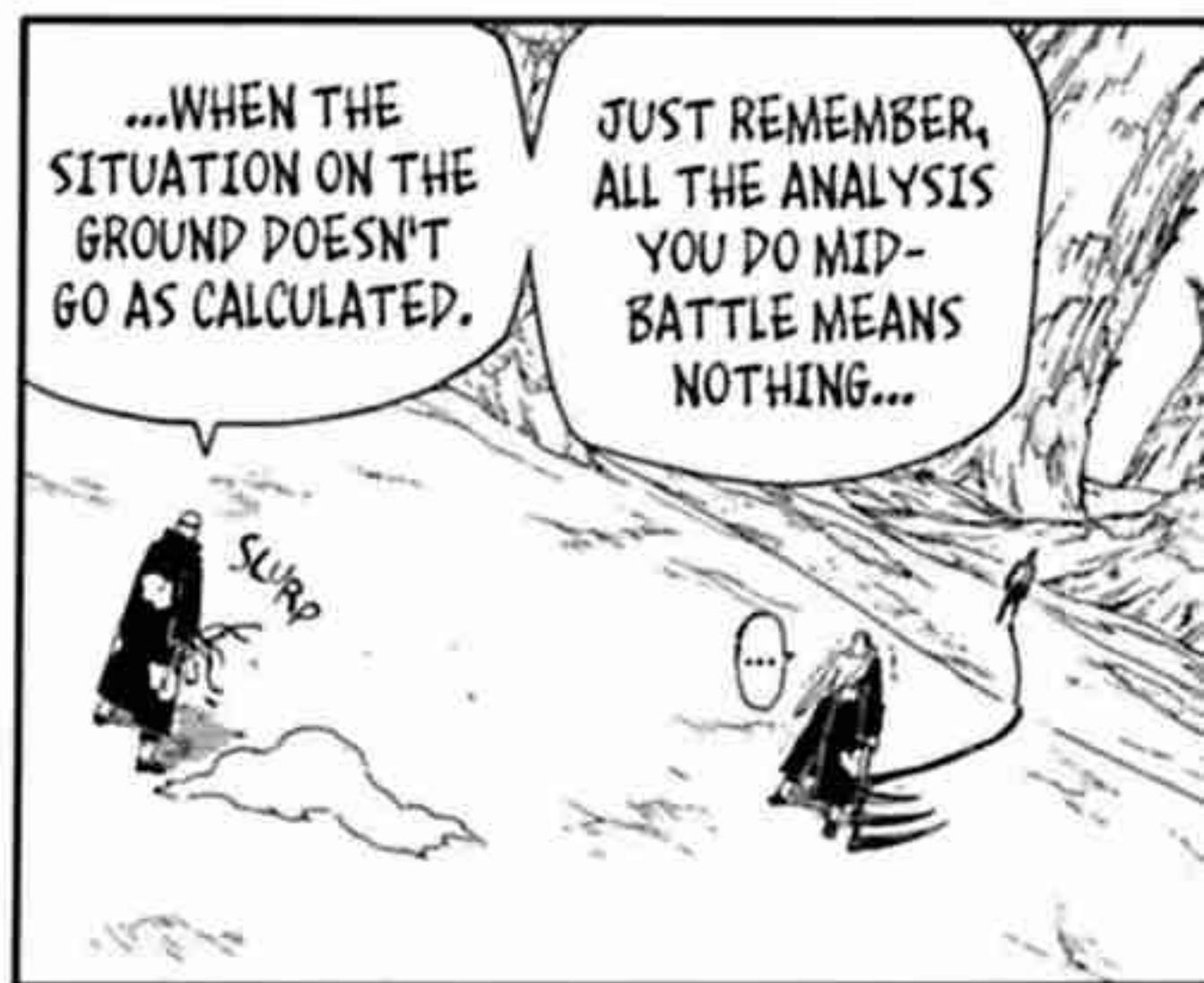


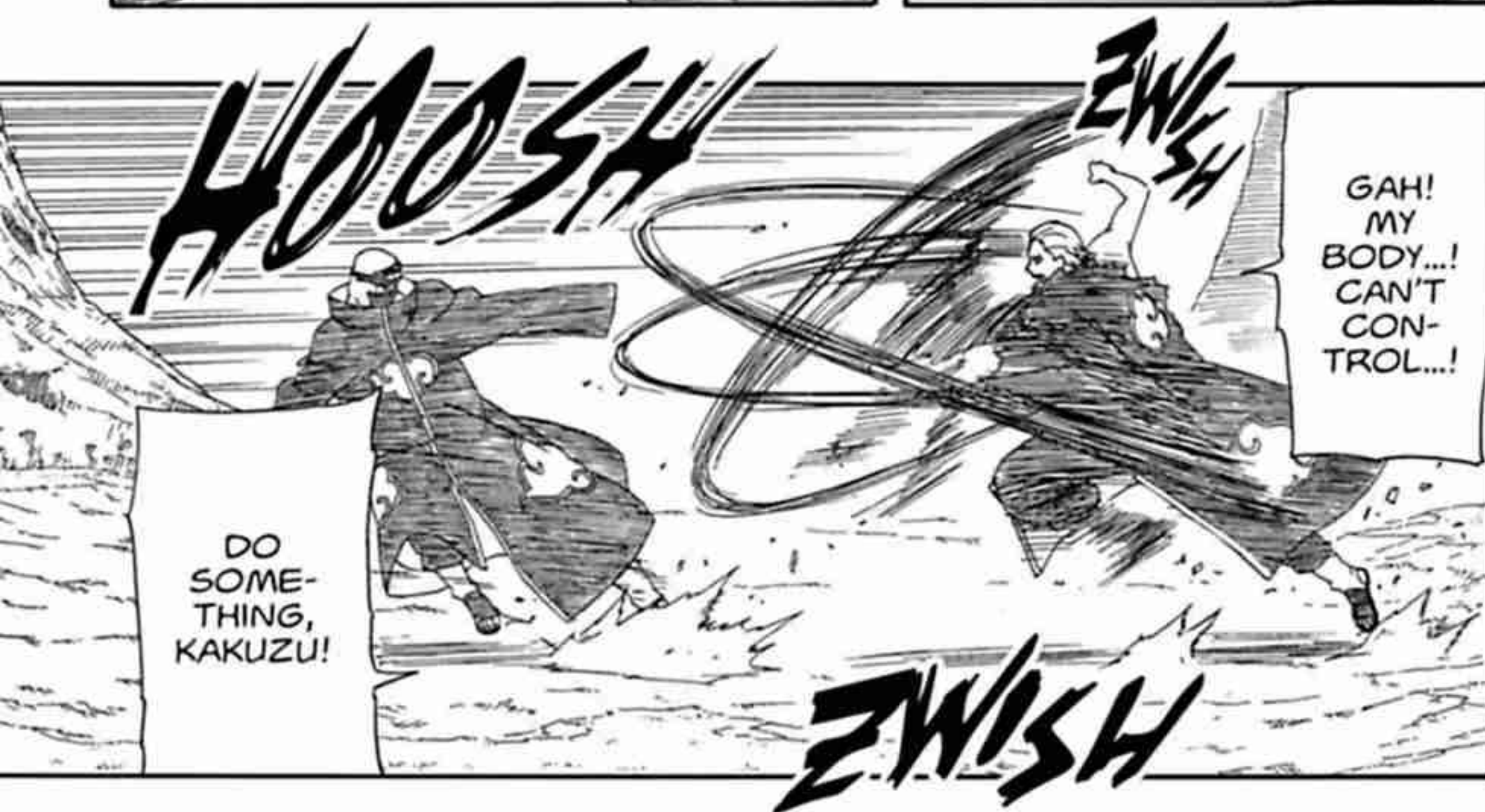


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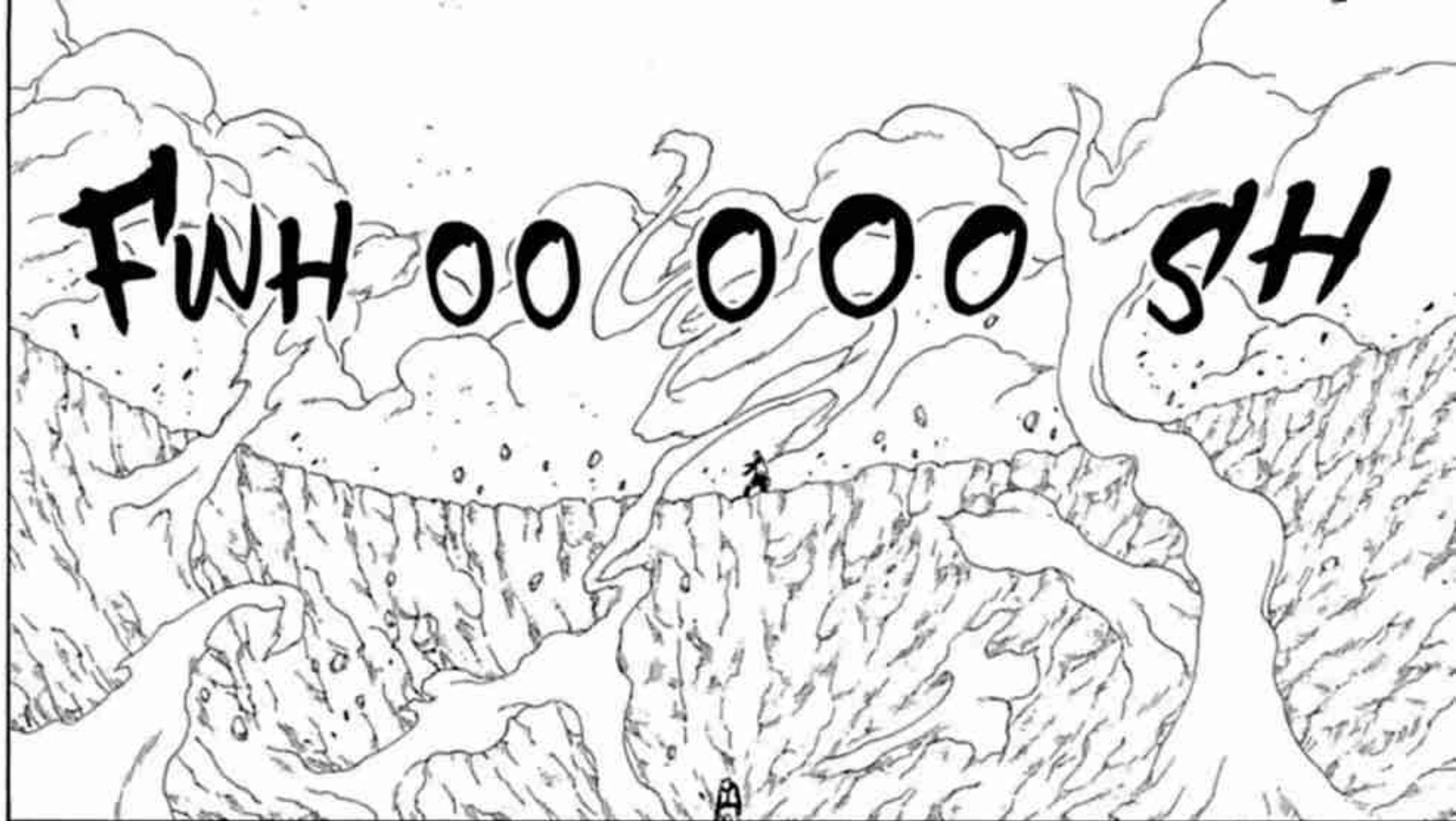


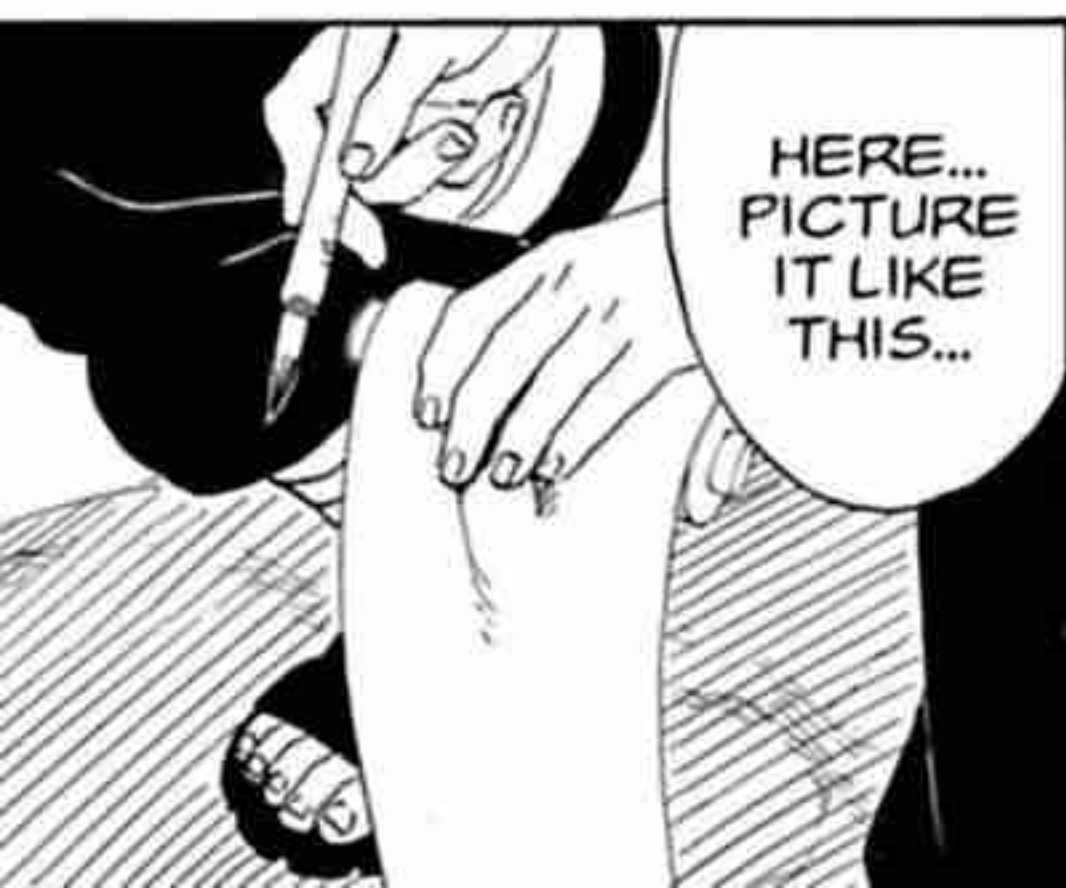


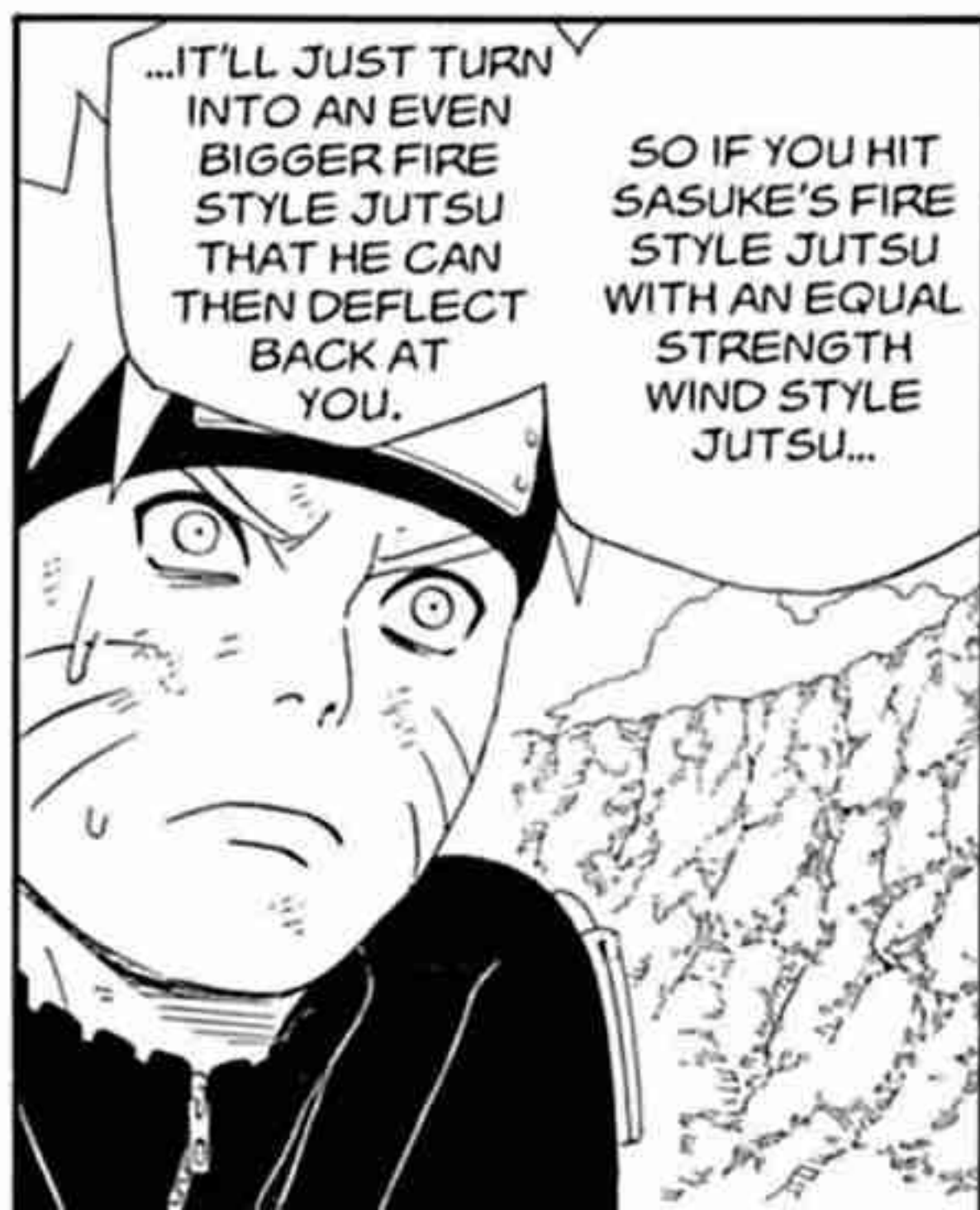
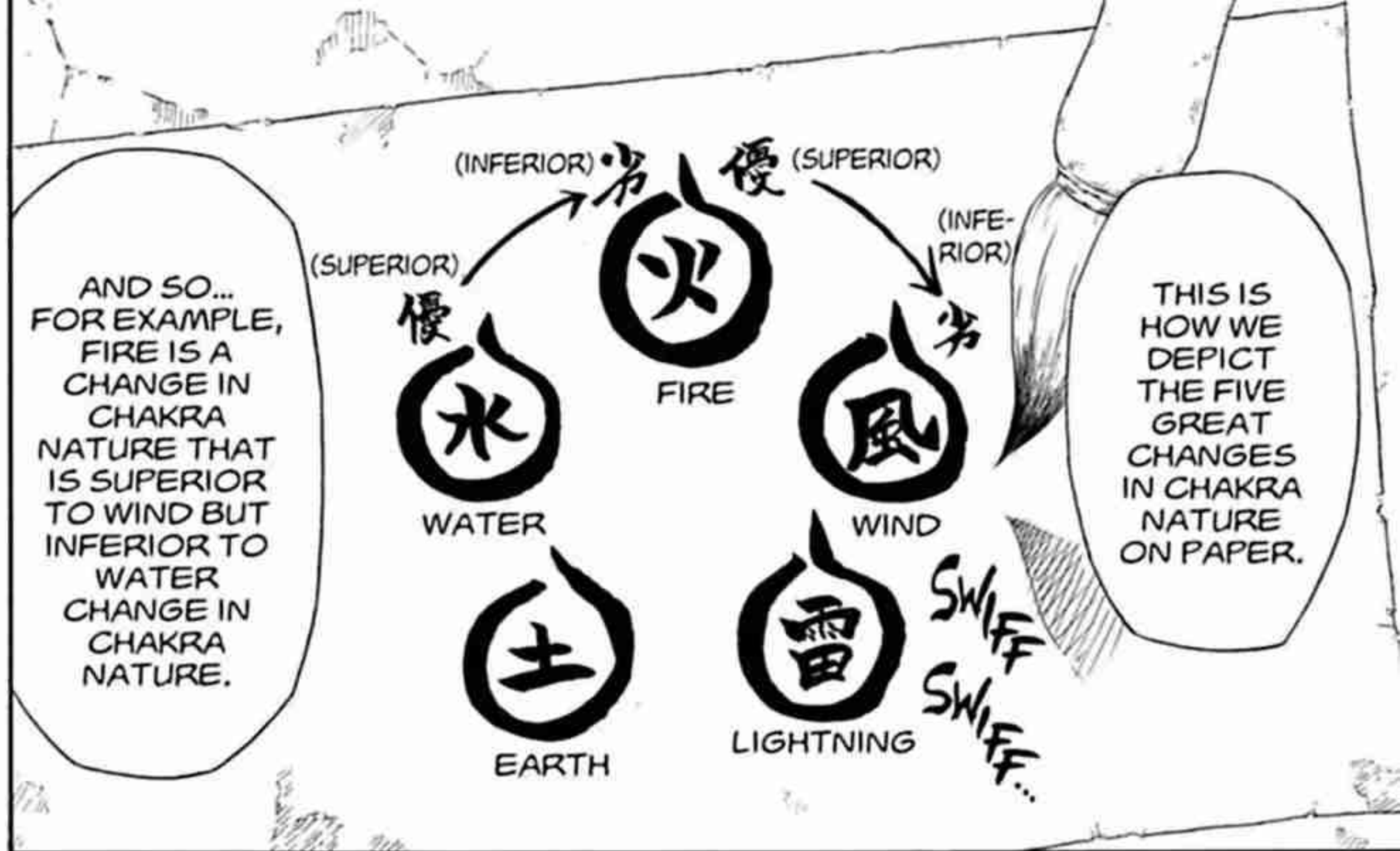












IN SHORT, YOUR NEW JUTSU IS SUPERIOR TO SASUKE'S LIGHTNING STYLE JUTSU...

...THE CHIDORI!



WIND MAY BE INFERIOR TO FIRE...

...BUT IT IS SUPERIOR TO LIGHTNING.

HOWEVER, LOOK ABOVE AND BELOW WIND.



NARUTO, YOU'RE LUCKY YOUR CHANGE IN NATURE WASN'T EARTH.



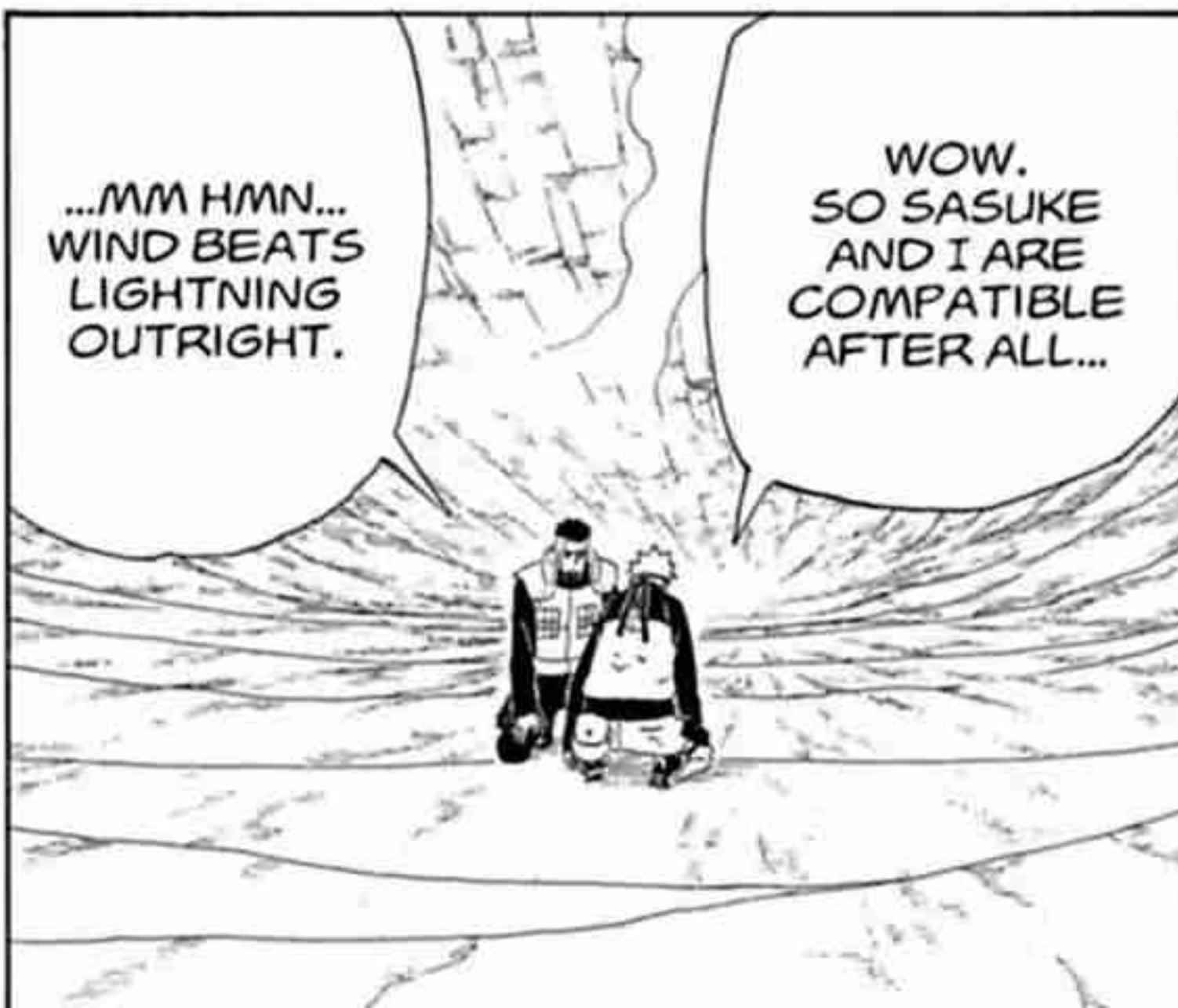
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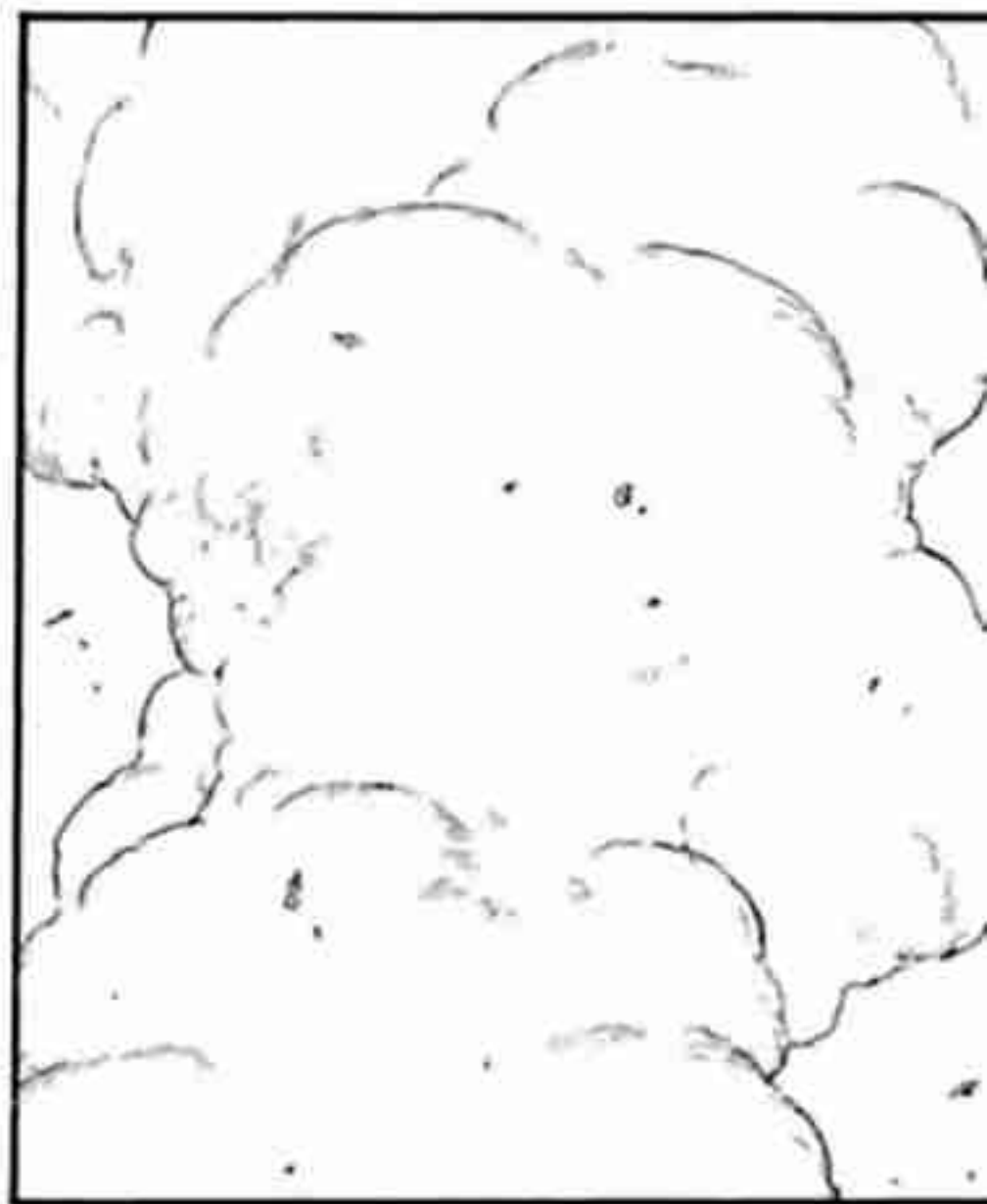
NAH, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...



...MM HMN... WIND BEATS LIGHTNING OUTRIGHT.

WOW. SO SASUKE AND I ARE COMPATIBLE AFTER ALL...





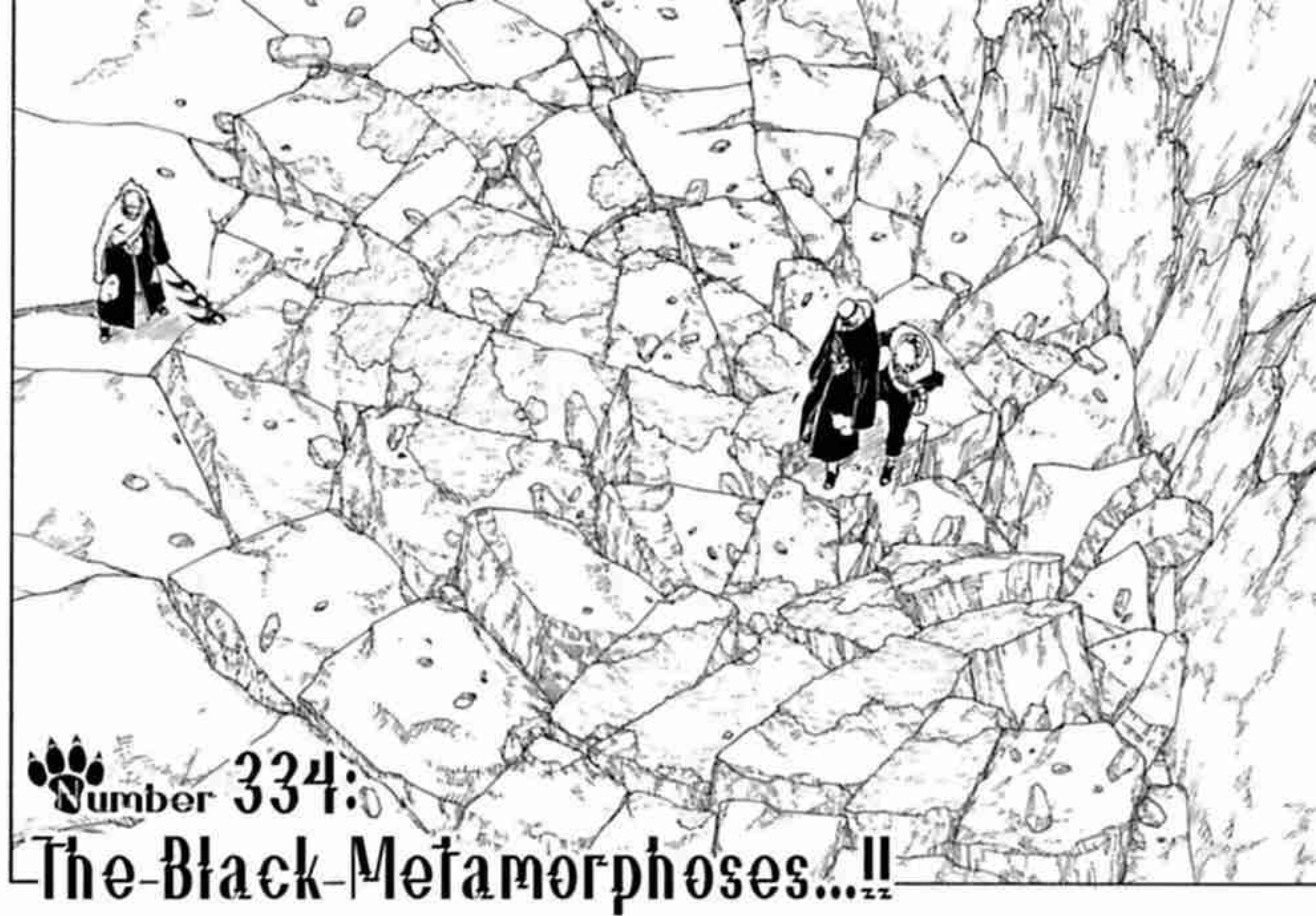


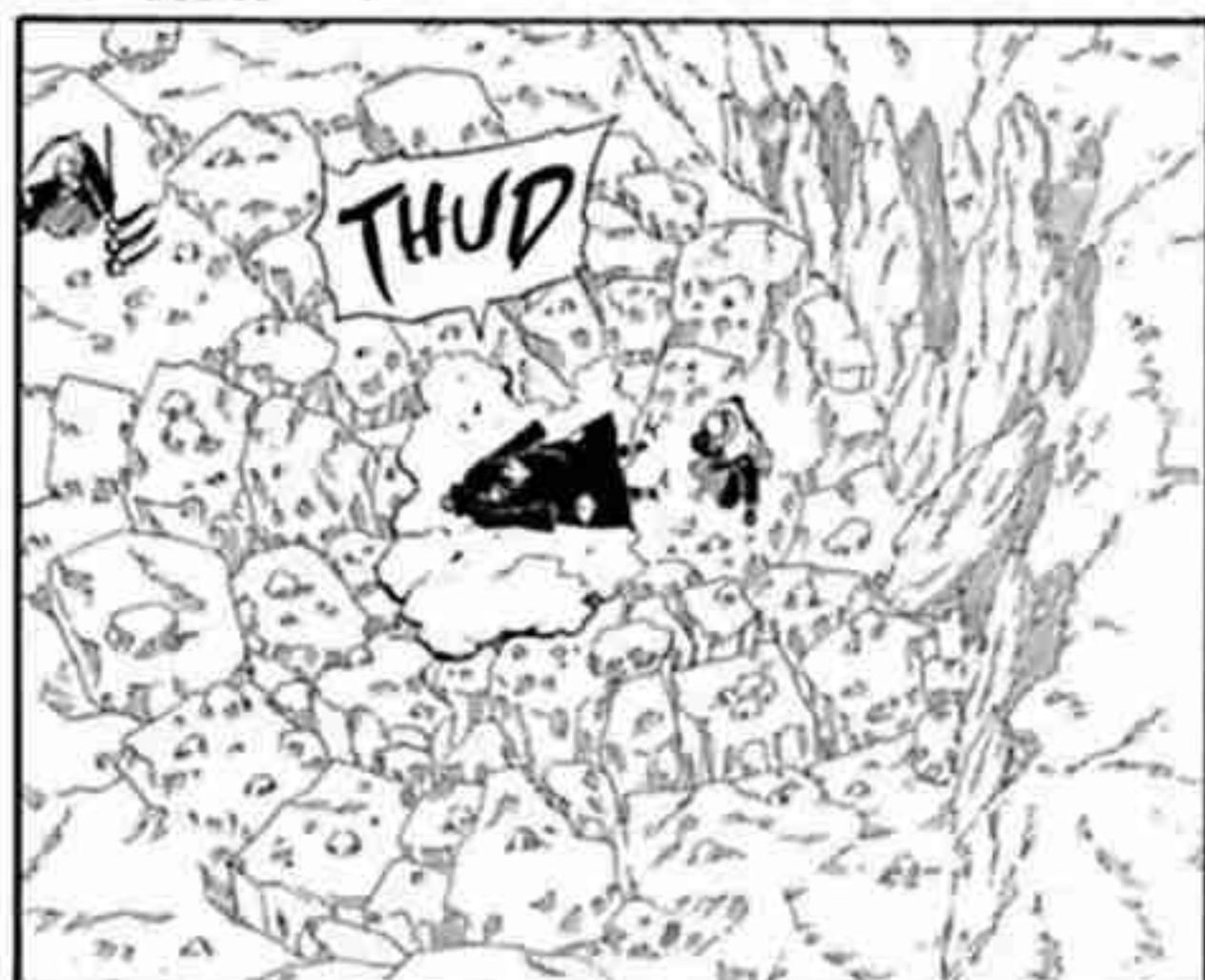




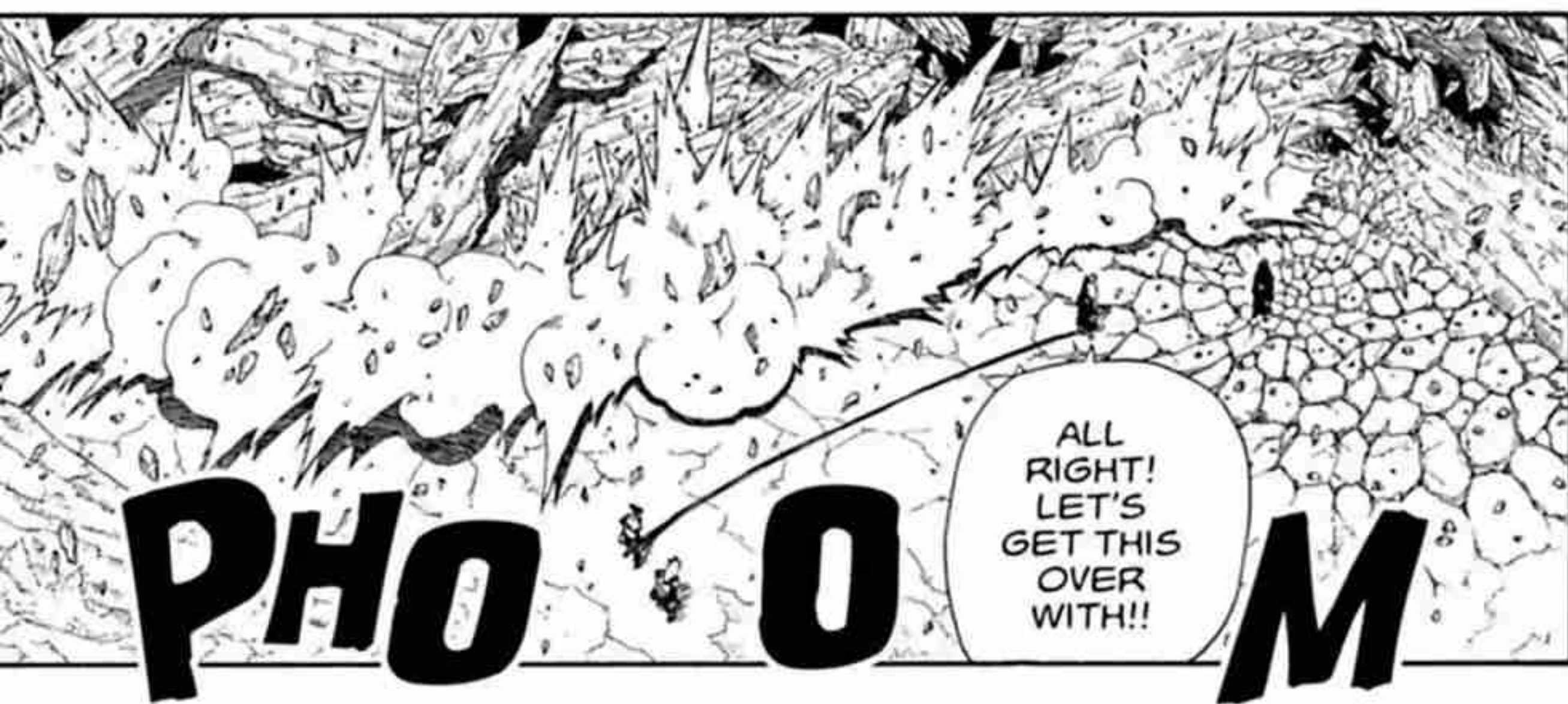
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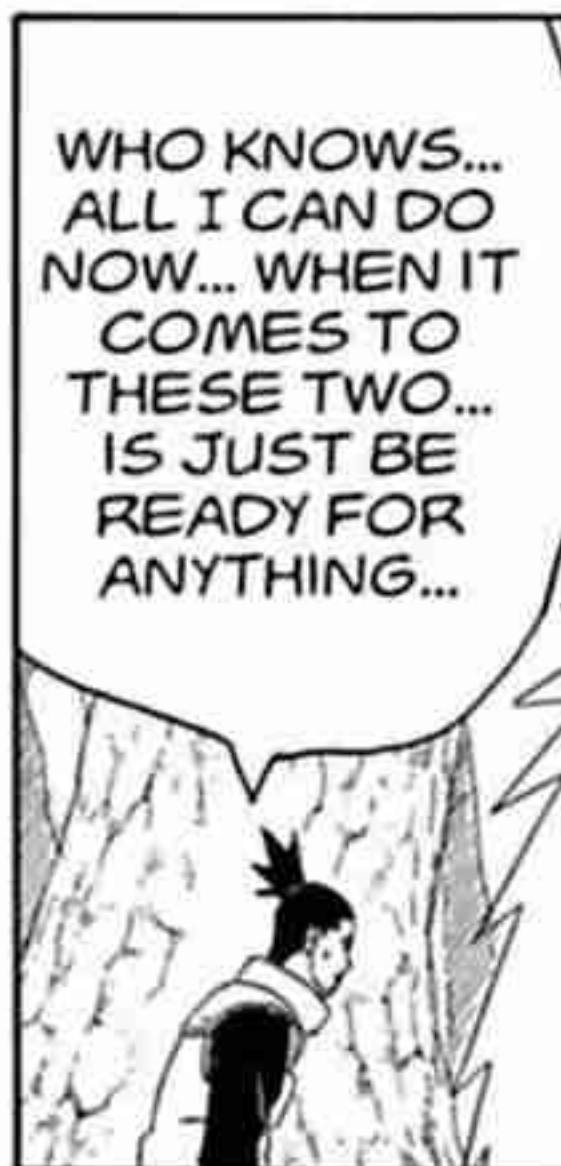














BE CAREFUL, CHOJI!

YUP!

RRRRROAR!!



WHAT ARE THOSE?! THEIR CHAKRA FEELS REALLY NASTY.

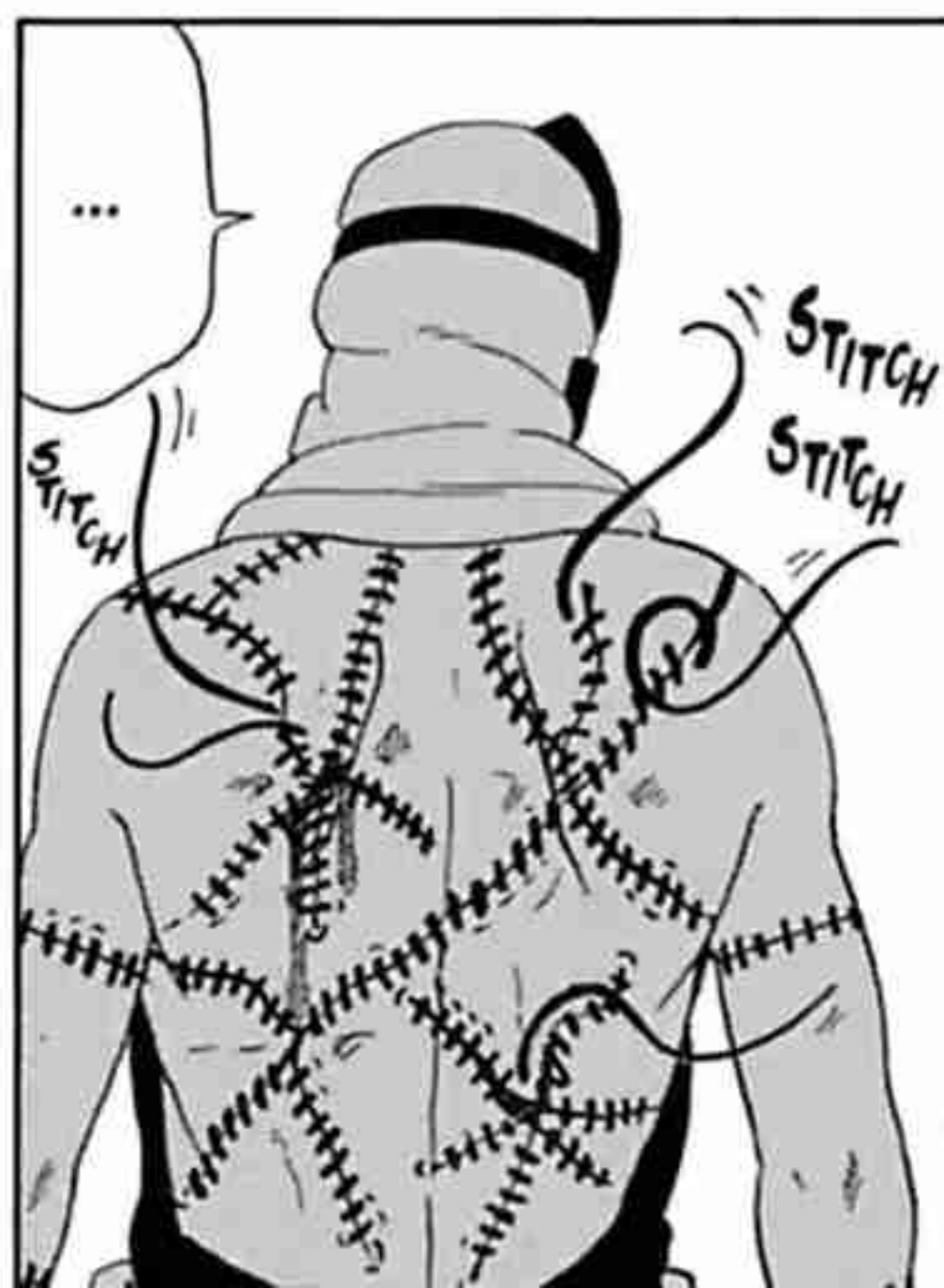


I GIVE MYSELF, BODY AND SOUL, TO THE CARNAGE THAT IS TO COME!

IN YOUR NAME, I WILL RIP THEIR INSIDES OUT AND SHRED THEIR ENTRAILS!



LORD JASHIN, BEHOLD!









OH...!
HE'S TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF HIS
PARTNER'S
IMMORTAL-
ITY...!!

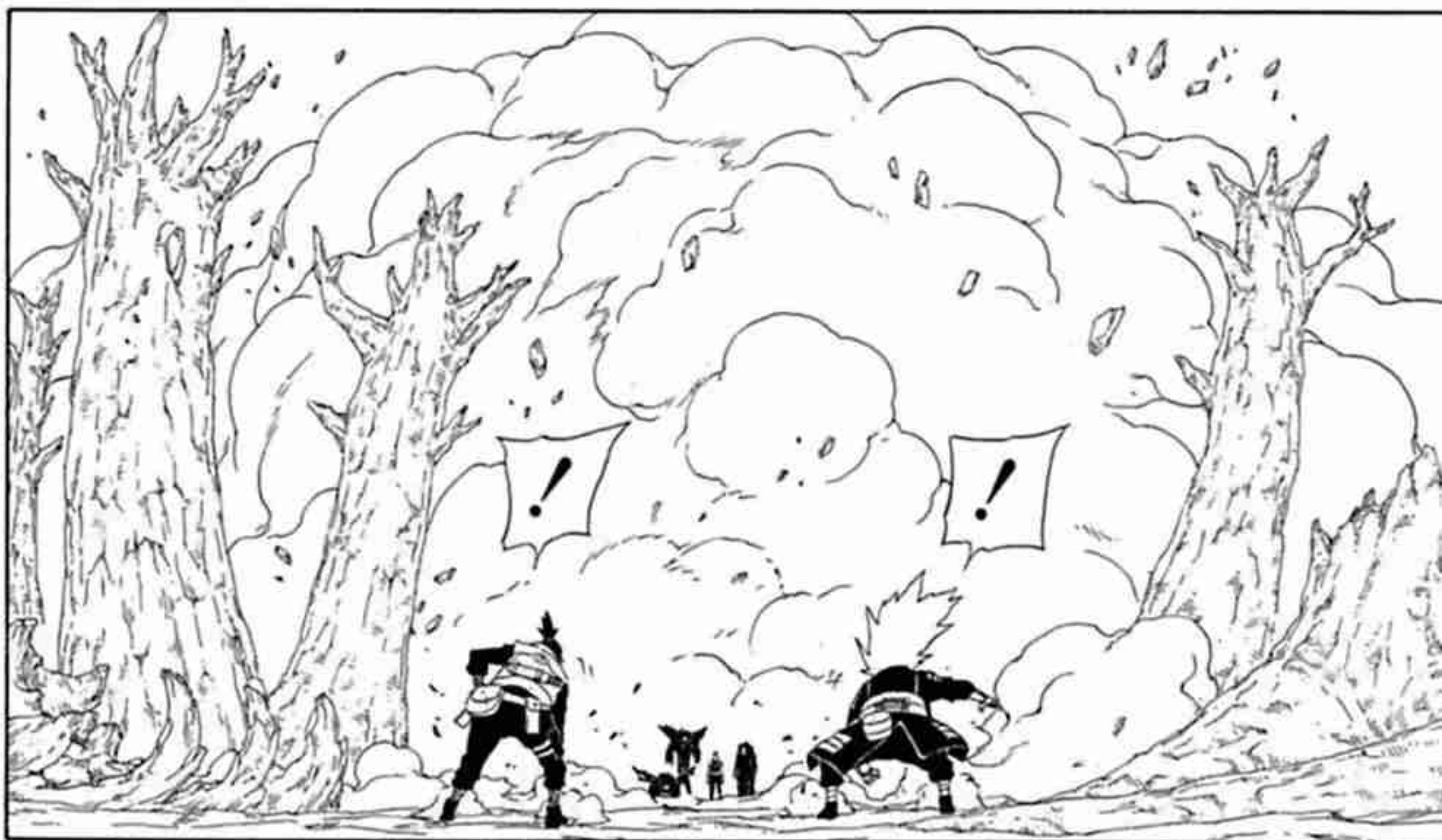


HE
SHOT
RIGHT
THROUGH
HIS OWN
TEAM-
MATE?!
WHY...?
UNLESS...



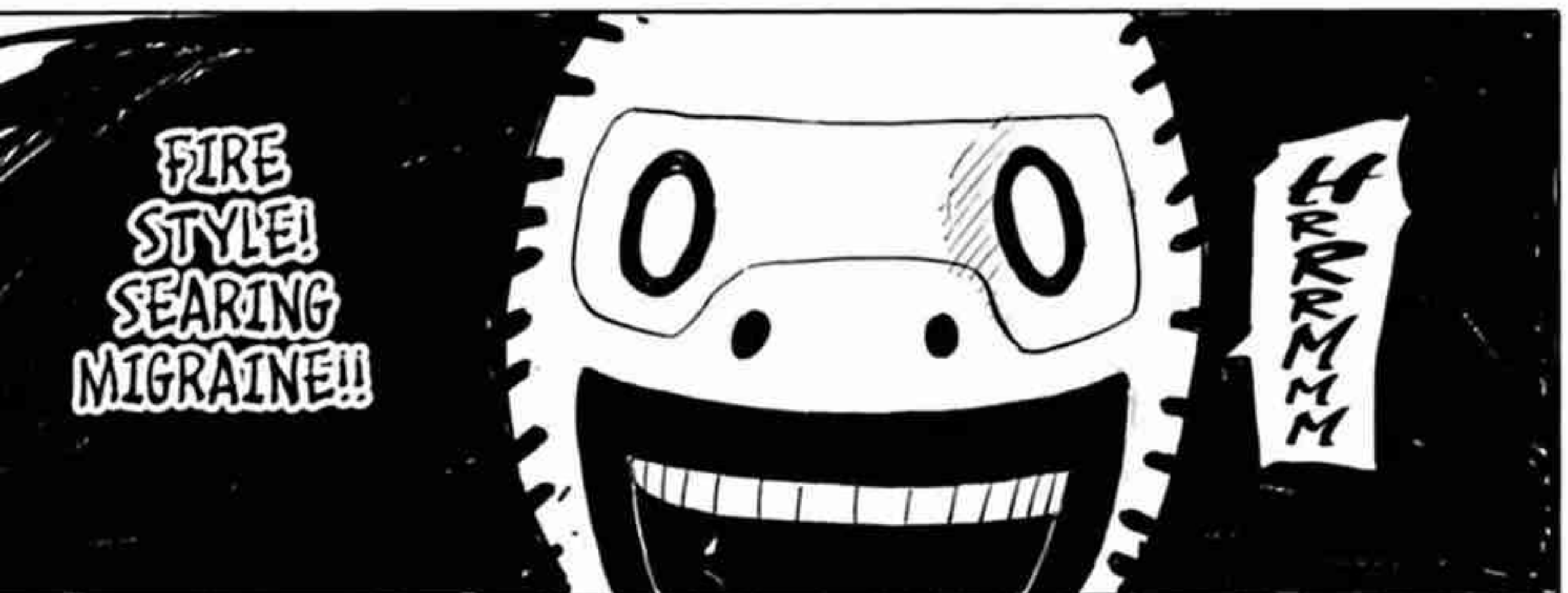
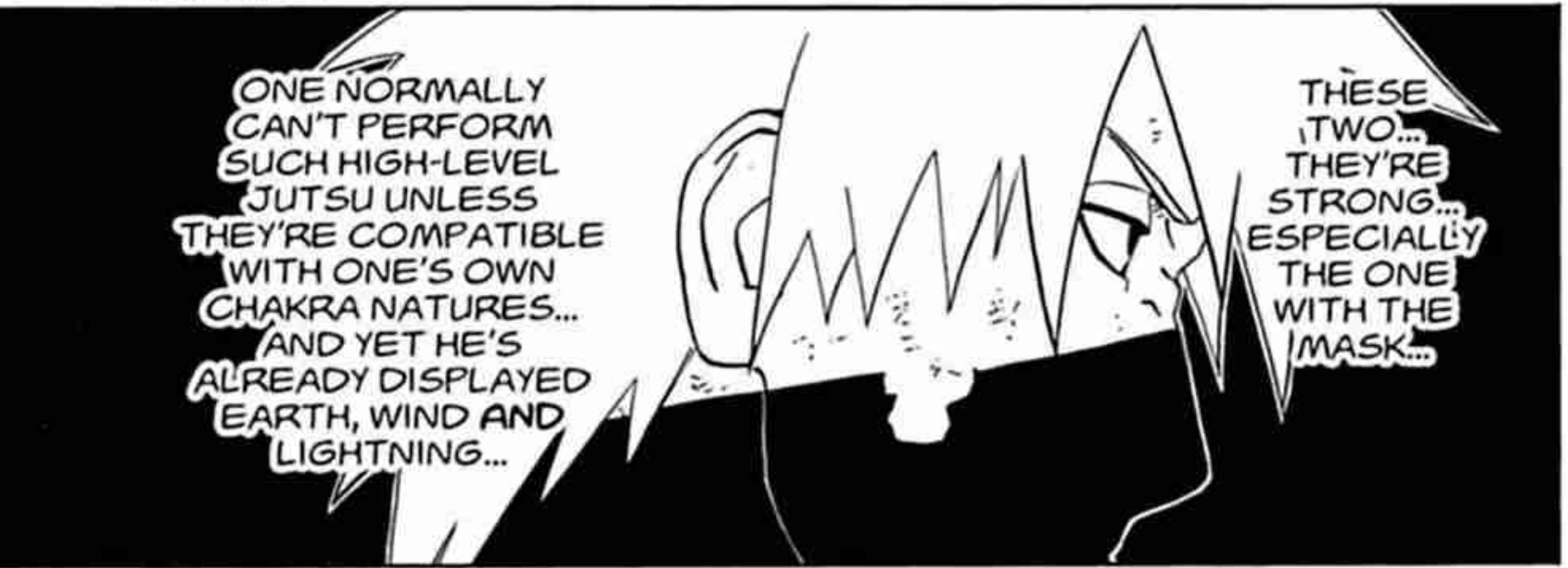
MASTER
KAKASHI!

GAH
!









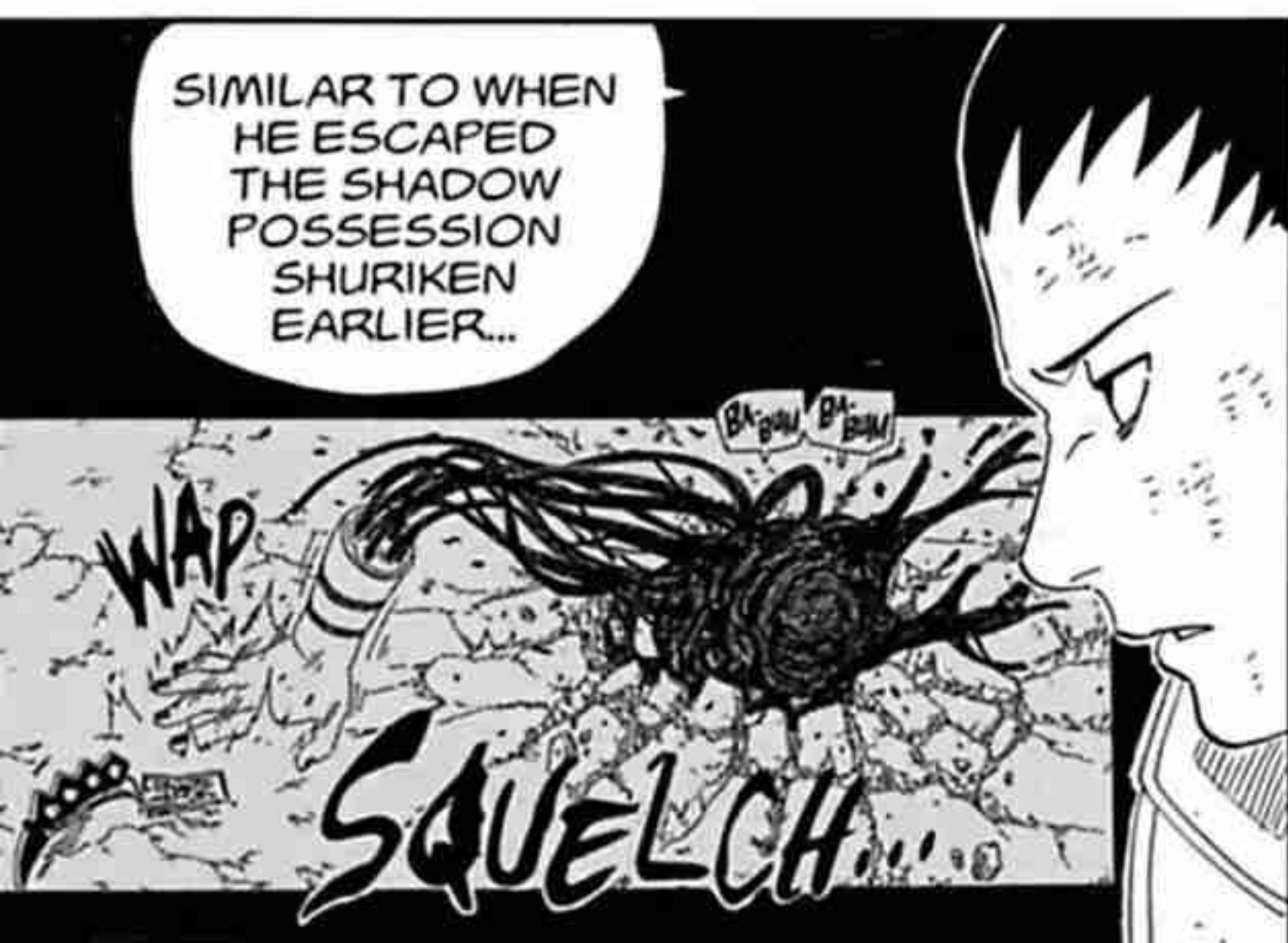
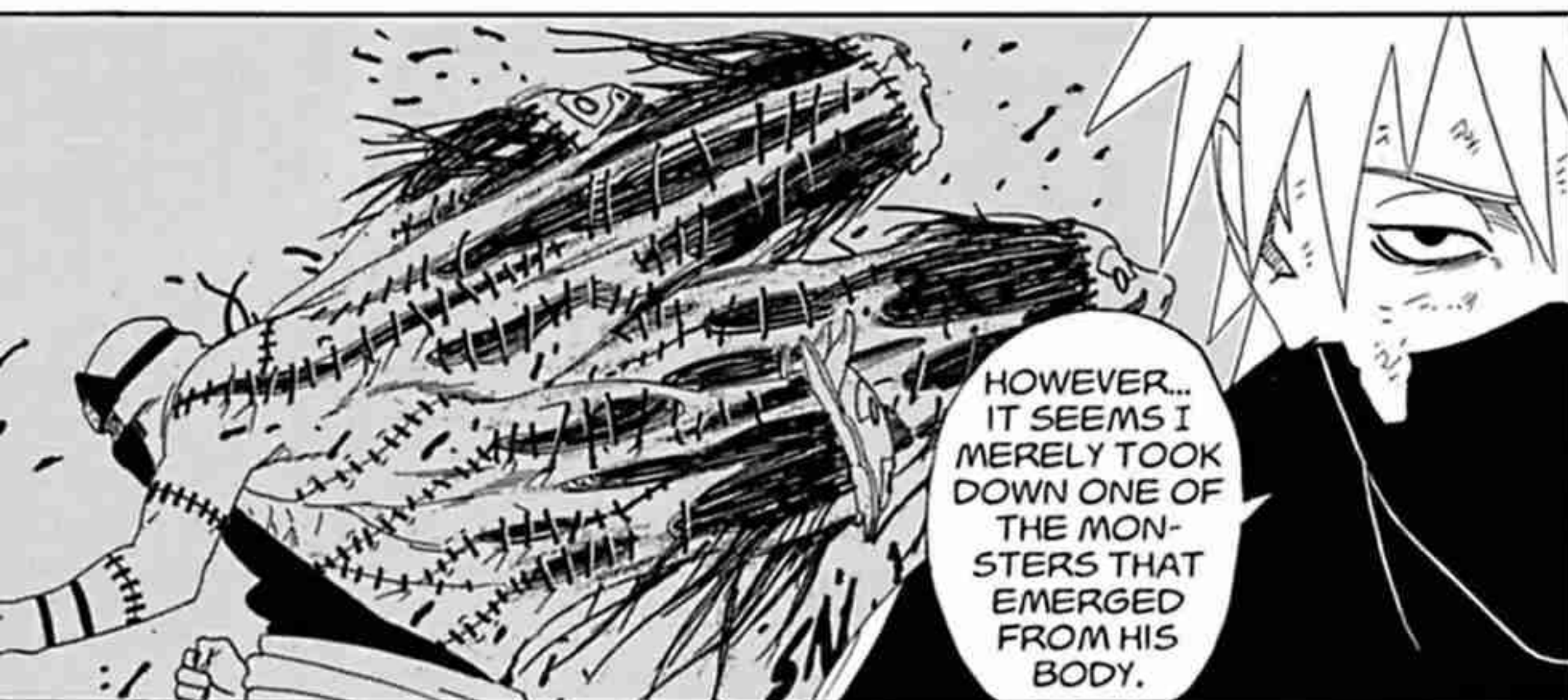
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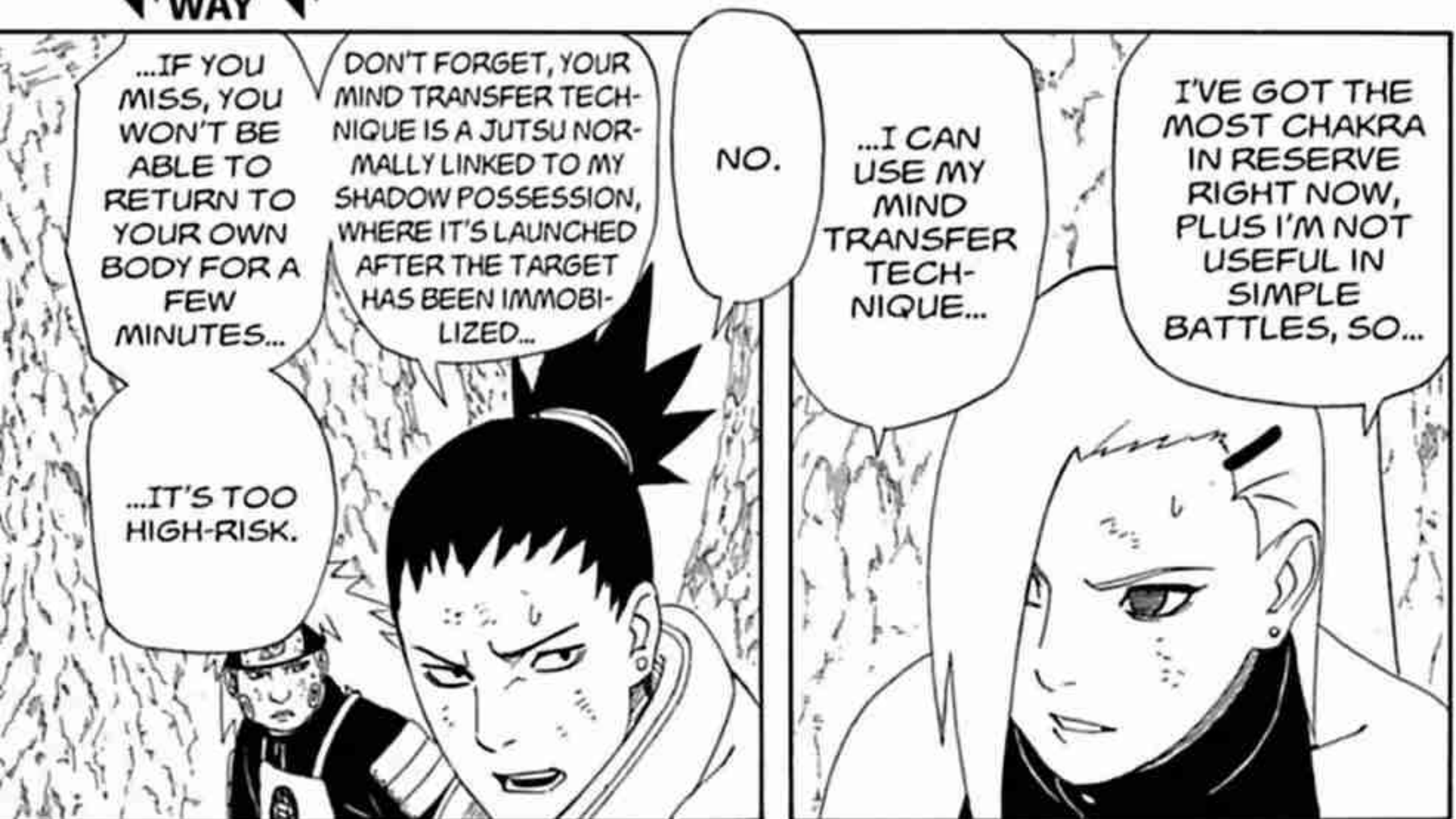
IT WAS AS IF
THE ARM HE
DETACHED
FROM
HIMSELF
POSSESSED
ITS OWN
BEATING
HEART...

...THAT
ALLOWED
IT TO
MOVE
AUTONO-
MOUSLY.











WE CAN'T
HOPE TO
APPROACH
AND
ATTACK
HIM FROM
OUR SIDE.



IF HE SO
MUCH AS
SCRATCHES
YOU AND
CAPTURES
YOUR
BLOOD,
IT'S ALL
OVER.

NIX ON
THAT
TOO.

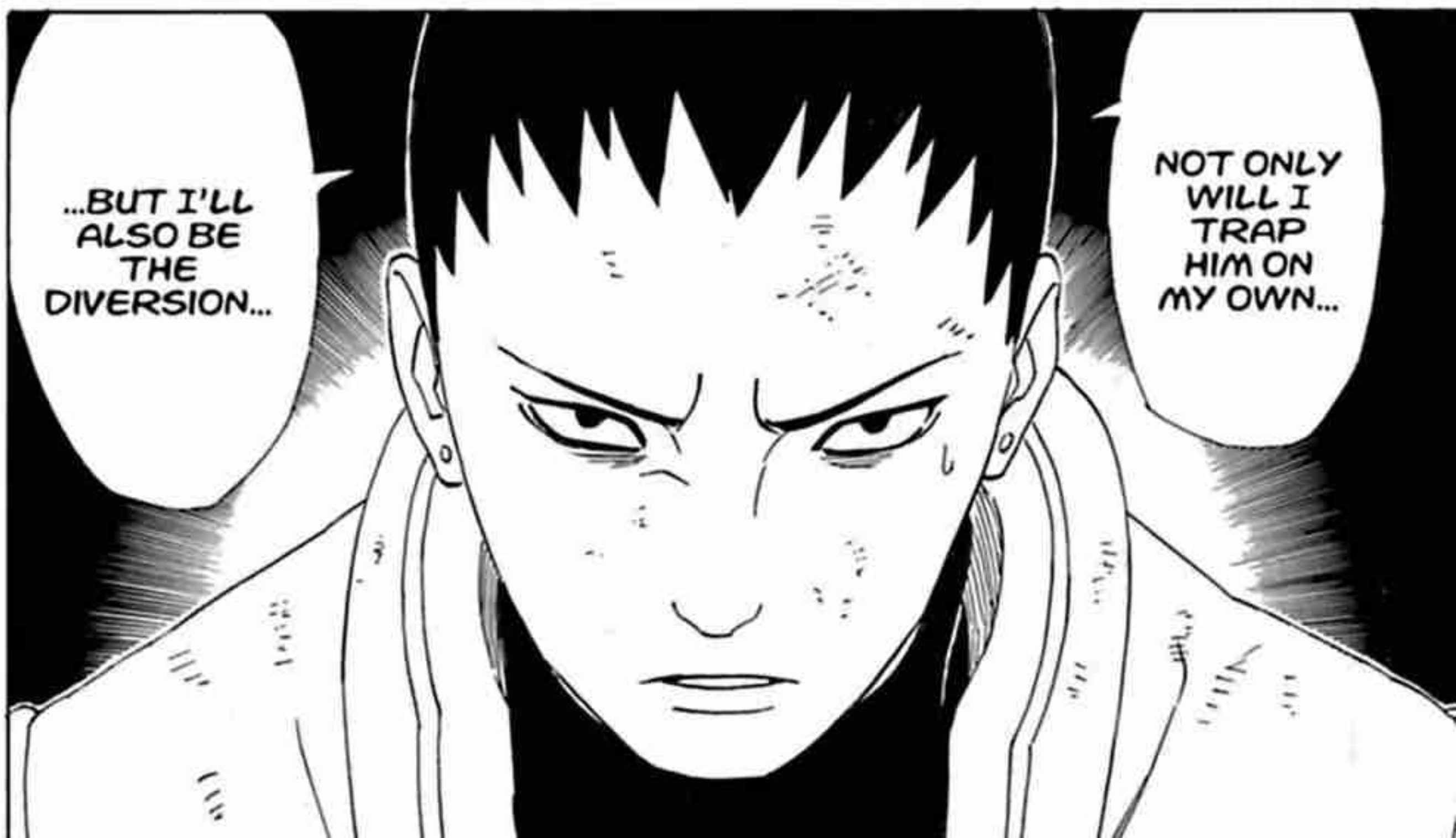


I'M
ITCHING
TO GET
STARTED
AGAIN!

WHAT ARE
YOU ALL
WHISPERING
ABOUT?!



CHOJI, YOU
PRESERVE
YOUR CHAKRA
SO YOU CAN
HELP MASTER
KAKASHI
DEFEAT THE
MASK GUY.



...BUT I'LL
ALSO BE
THE
DIVERSION...

NOT ONLY
WILL I
TRAP
HIM ON
MY OWN...



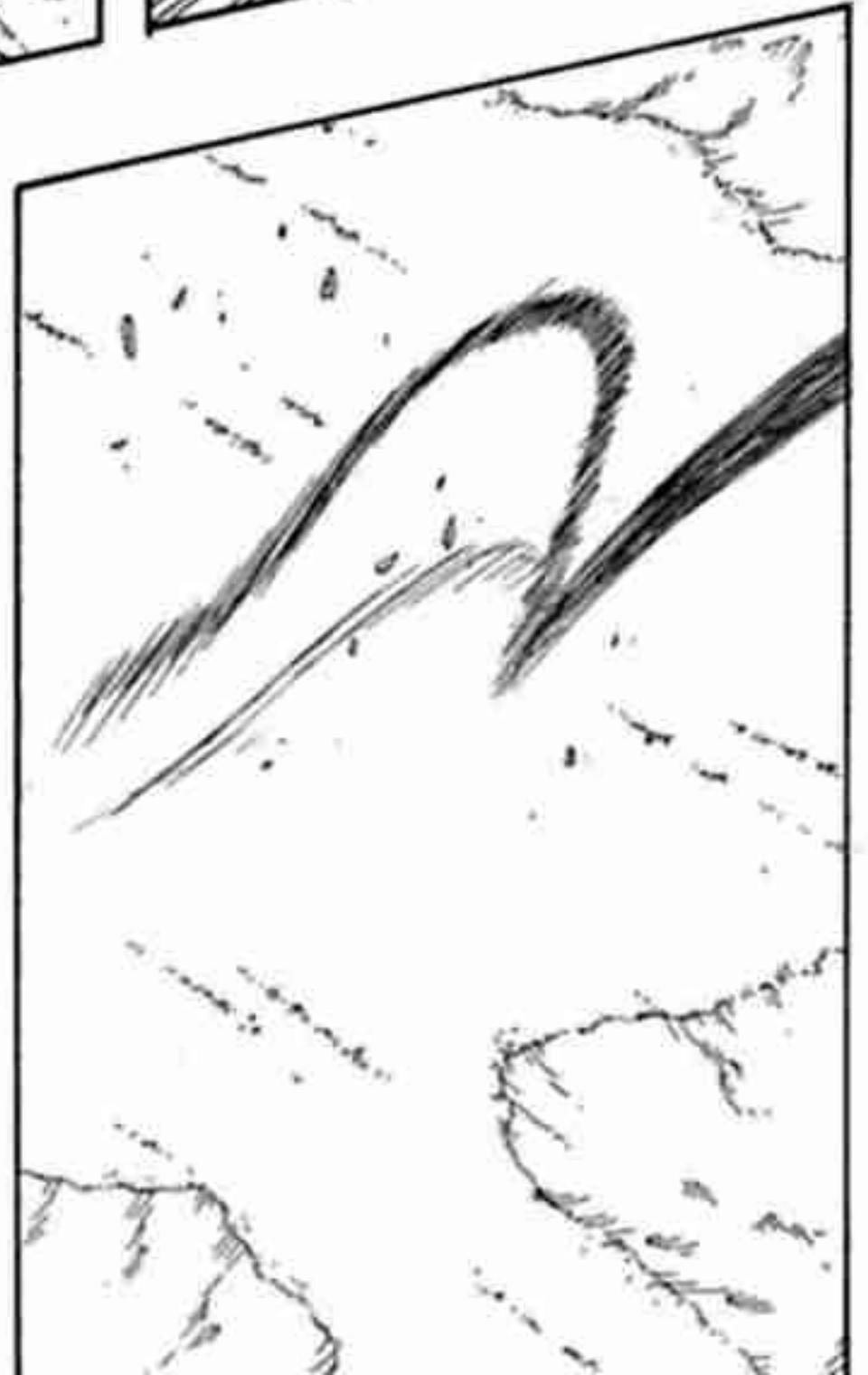


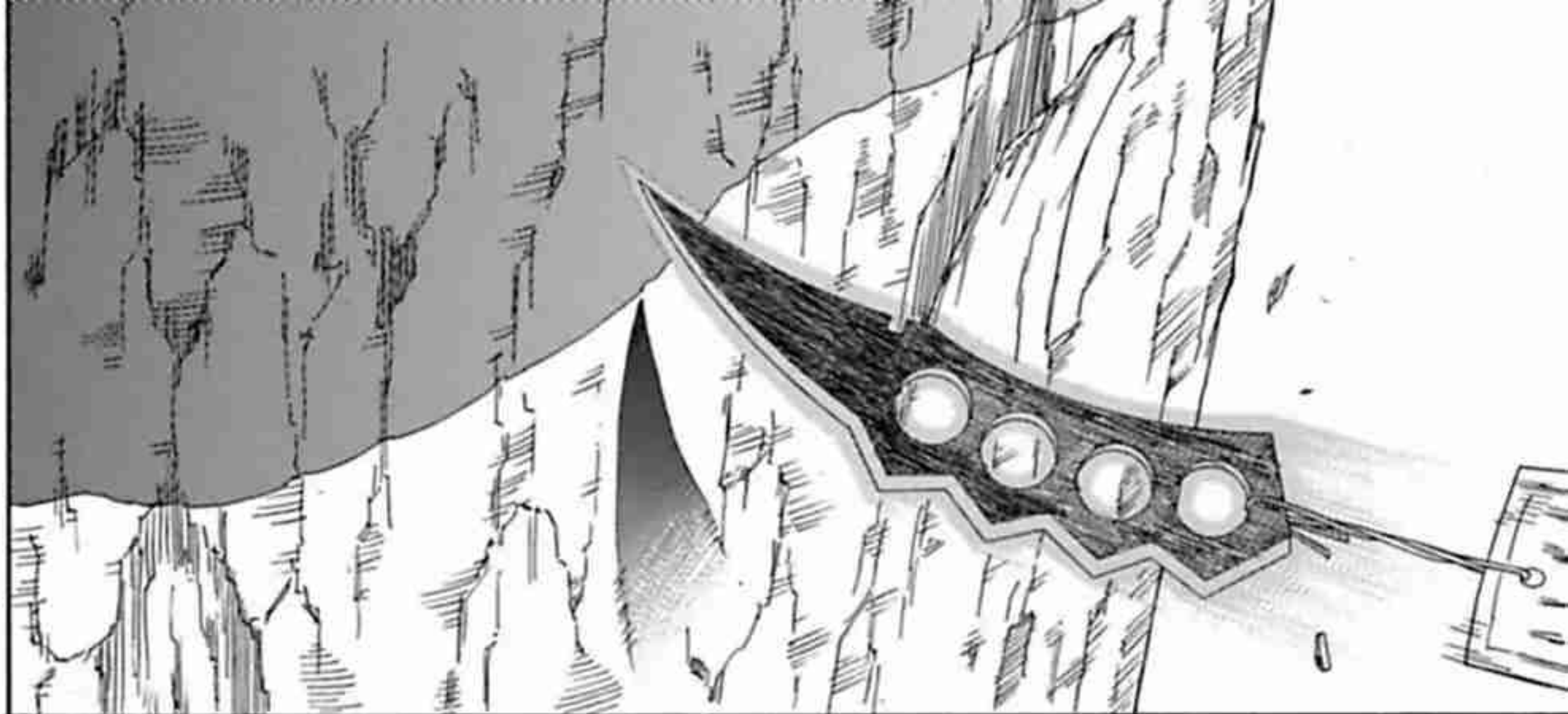
A COVERT
ATTACK
FROM A
DISTANCE??
TSK. TSK.
HOW
SHAMEFUL!

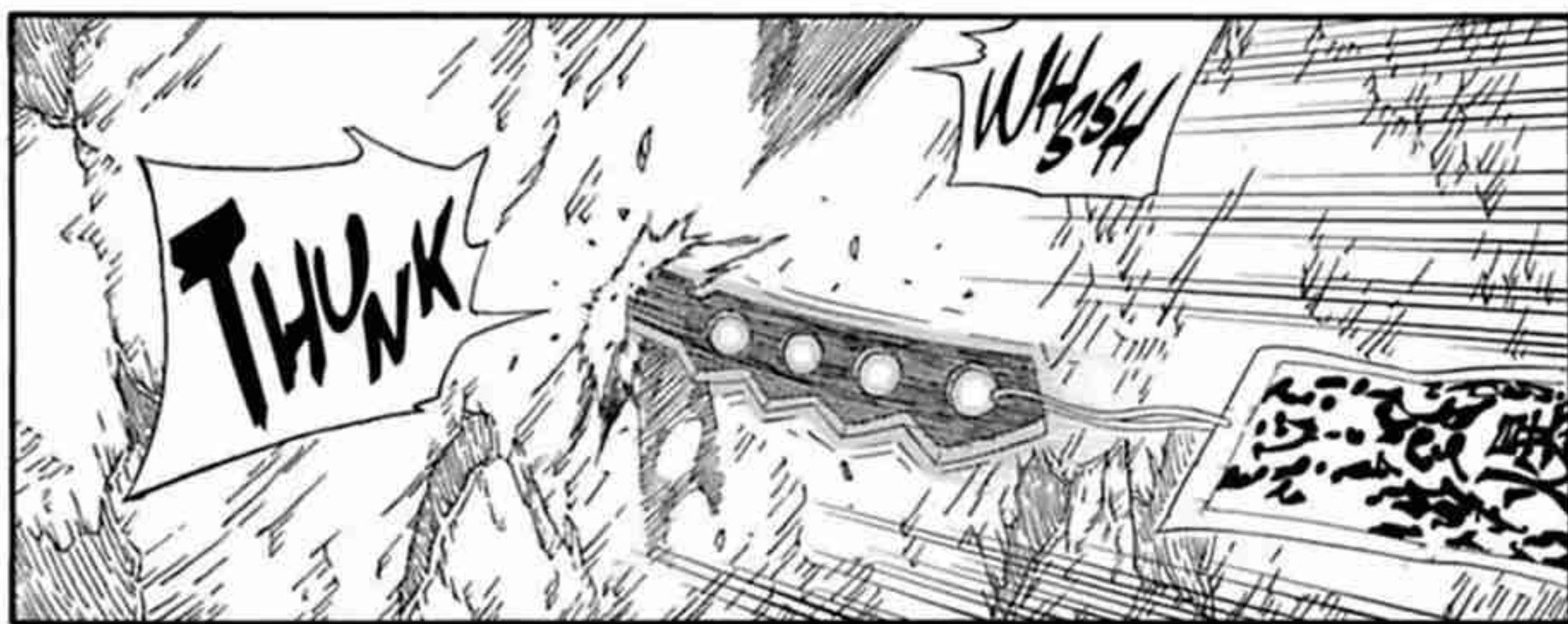
YOU SCARED
OF MY
SCYTHE AND
ABILITIES?!
EH?!!

THAT
AGAIN?!











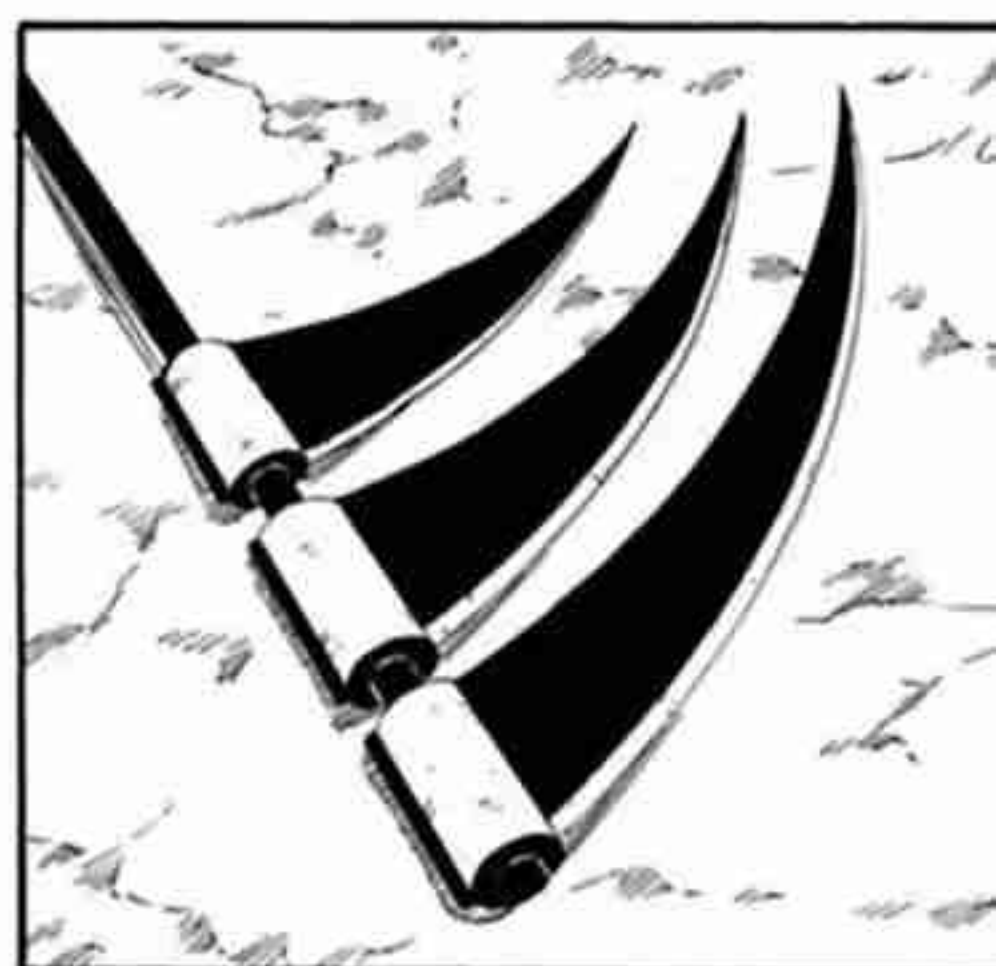
I DON'T JUST
HIDE IN THE
SHADOWS...
I BECOME
THEM!



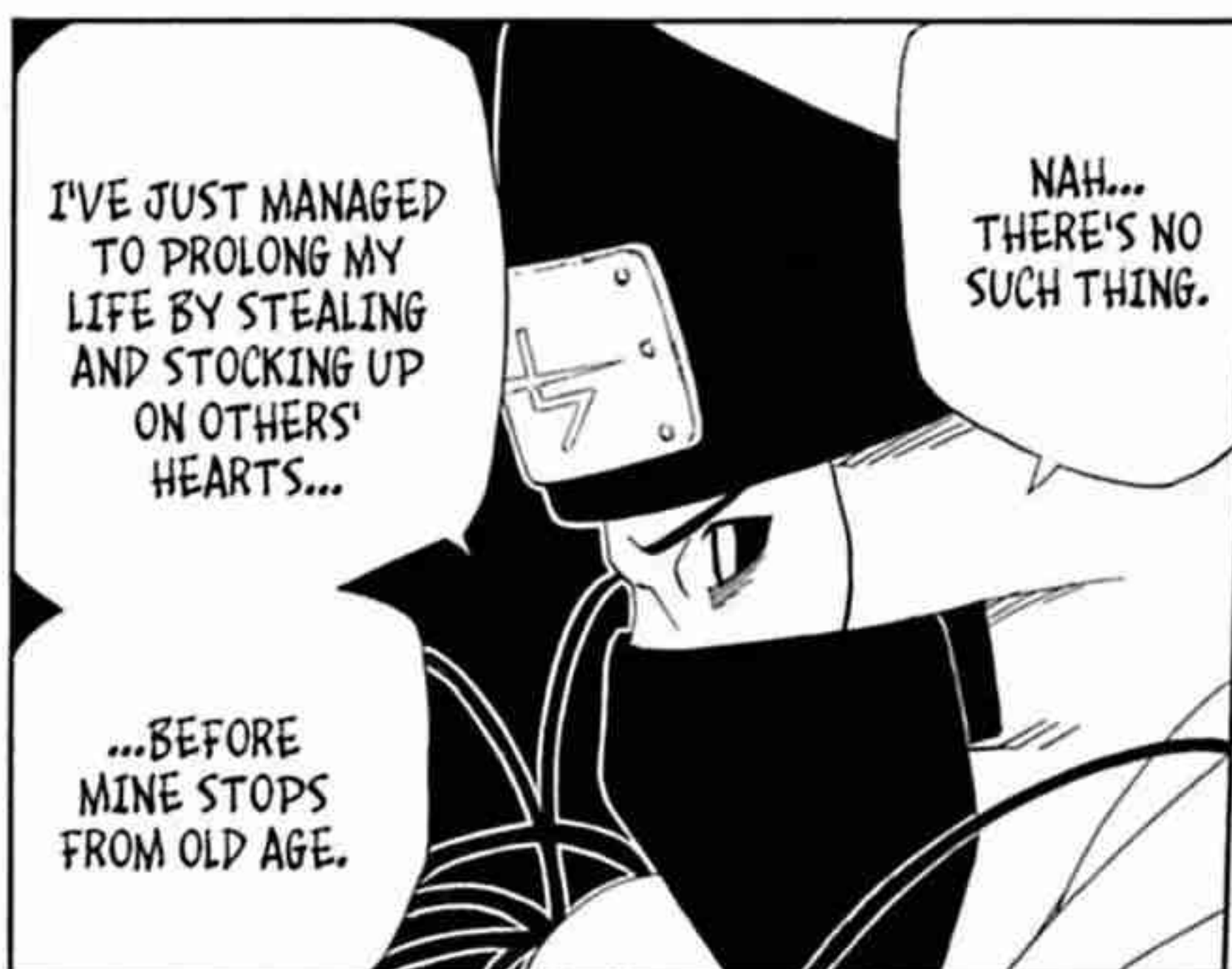
NARUTO

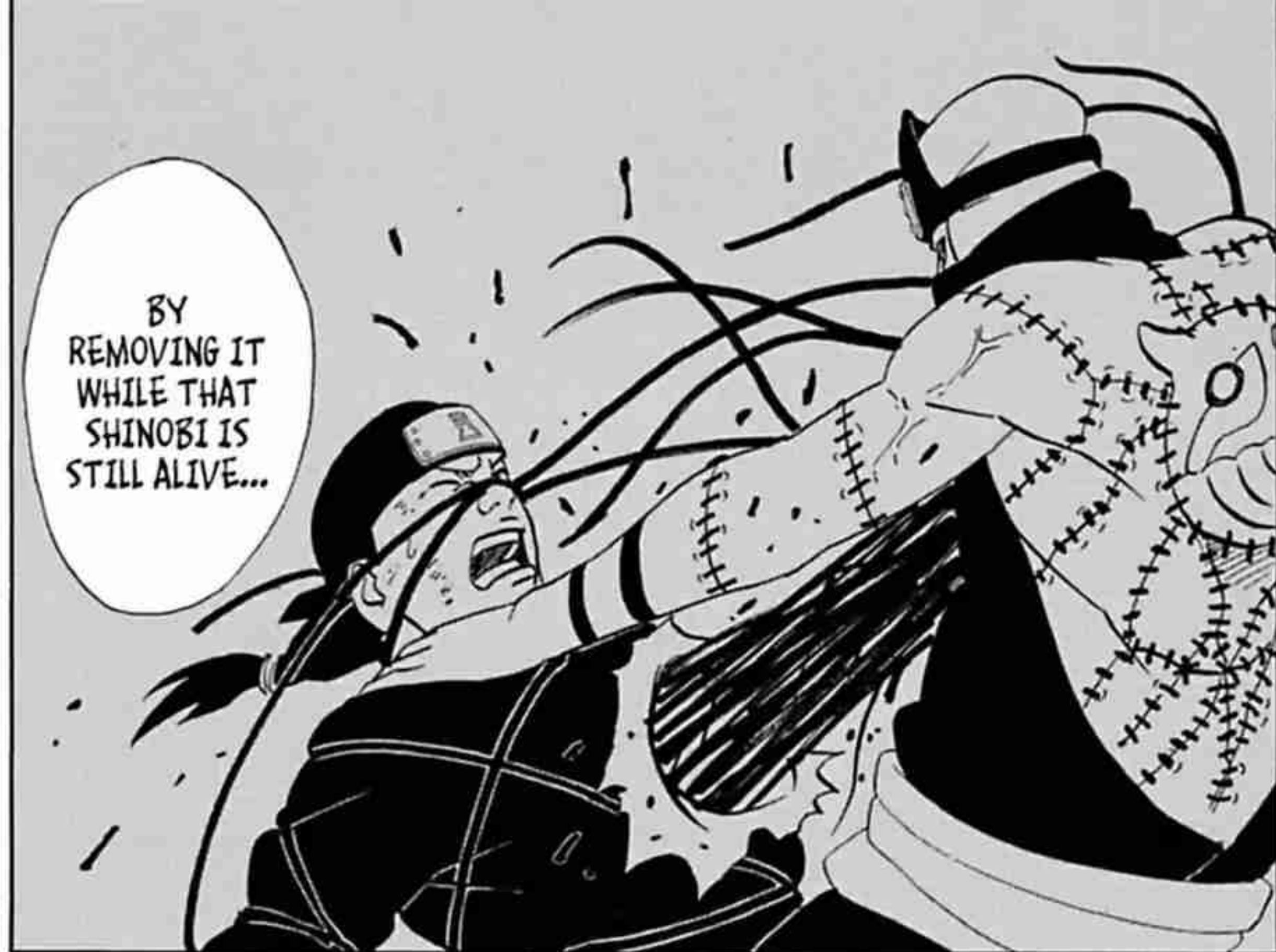
 Number 336: Turnabout Dilemma...!!

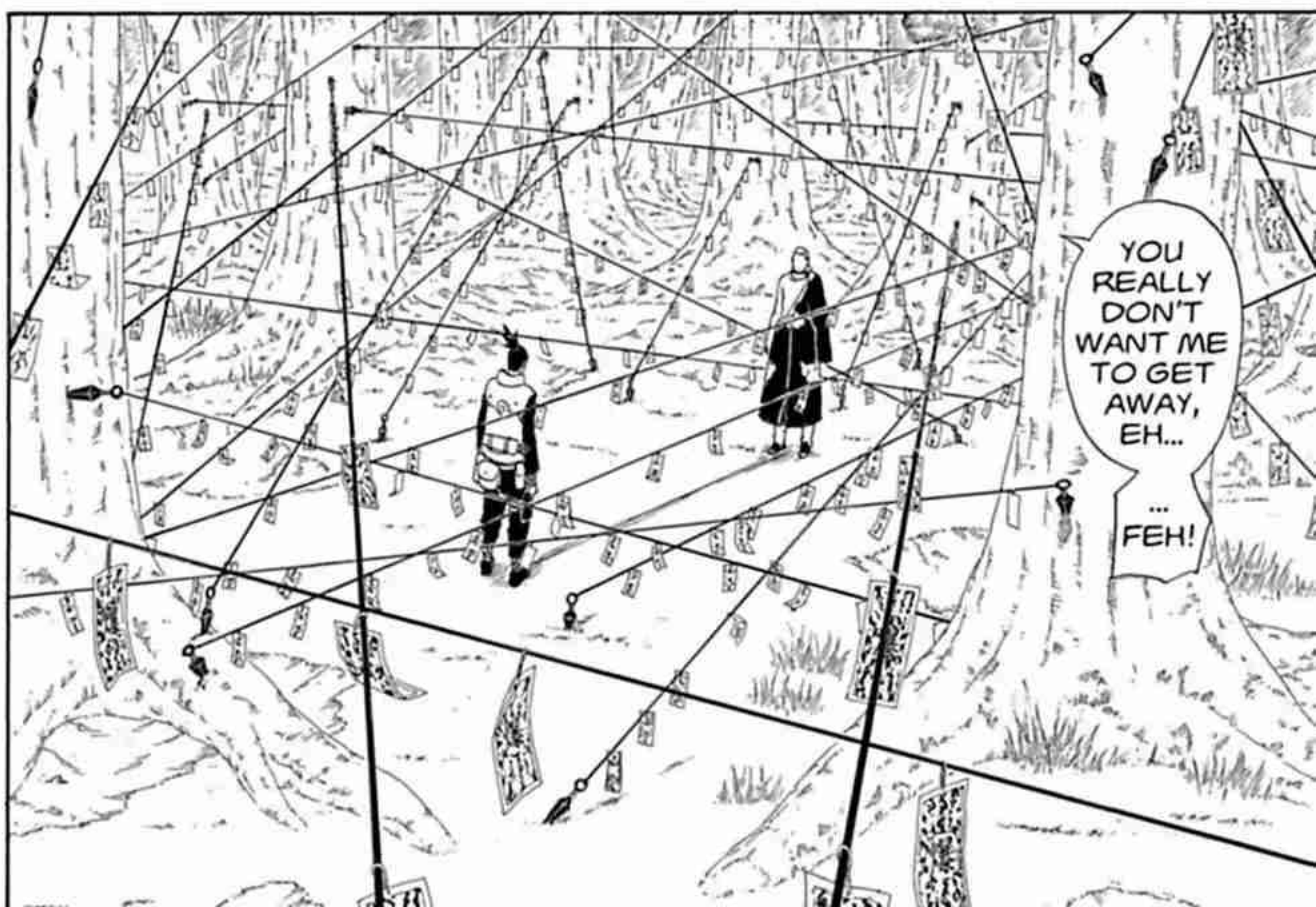


















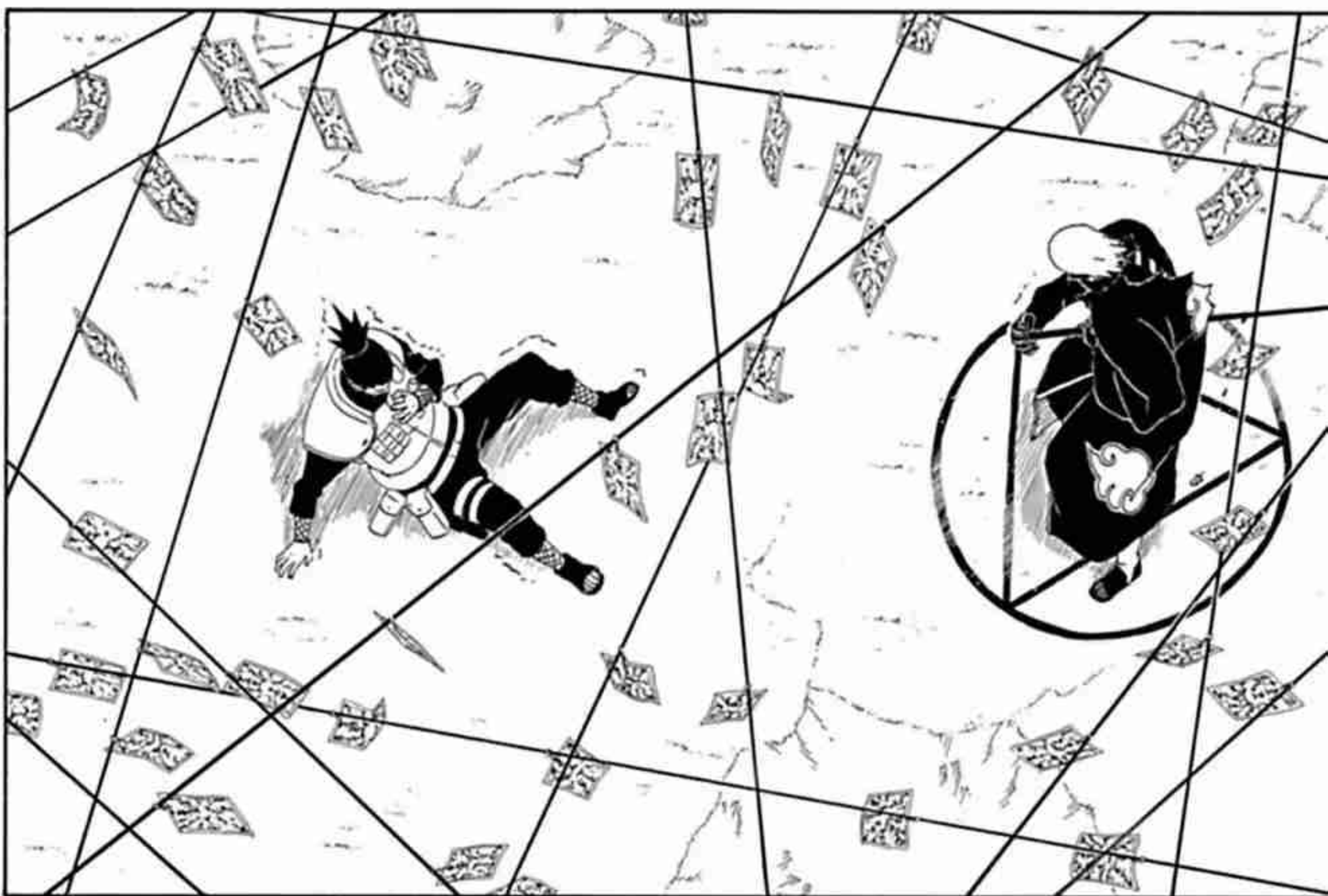




MASTER
KAKASHI!!

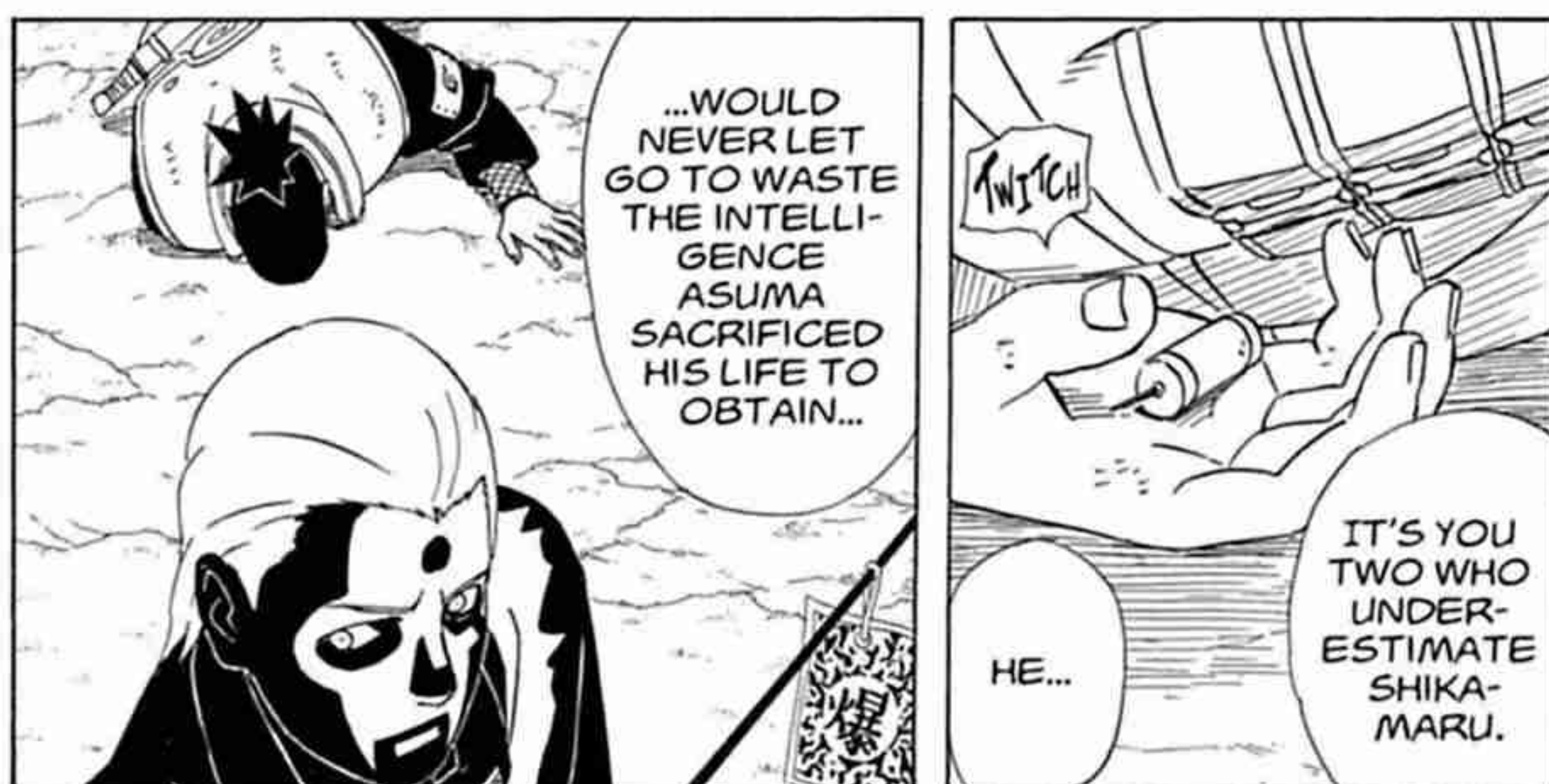










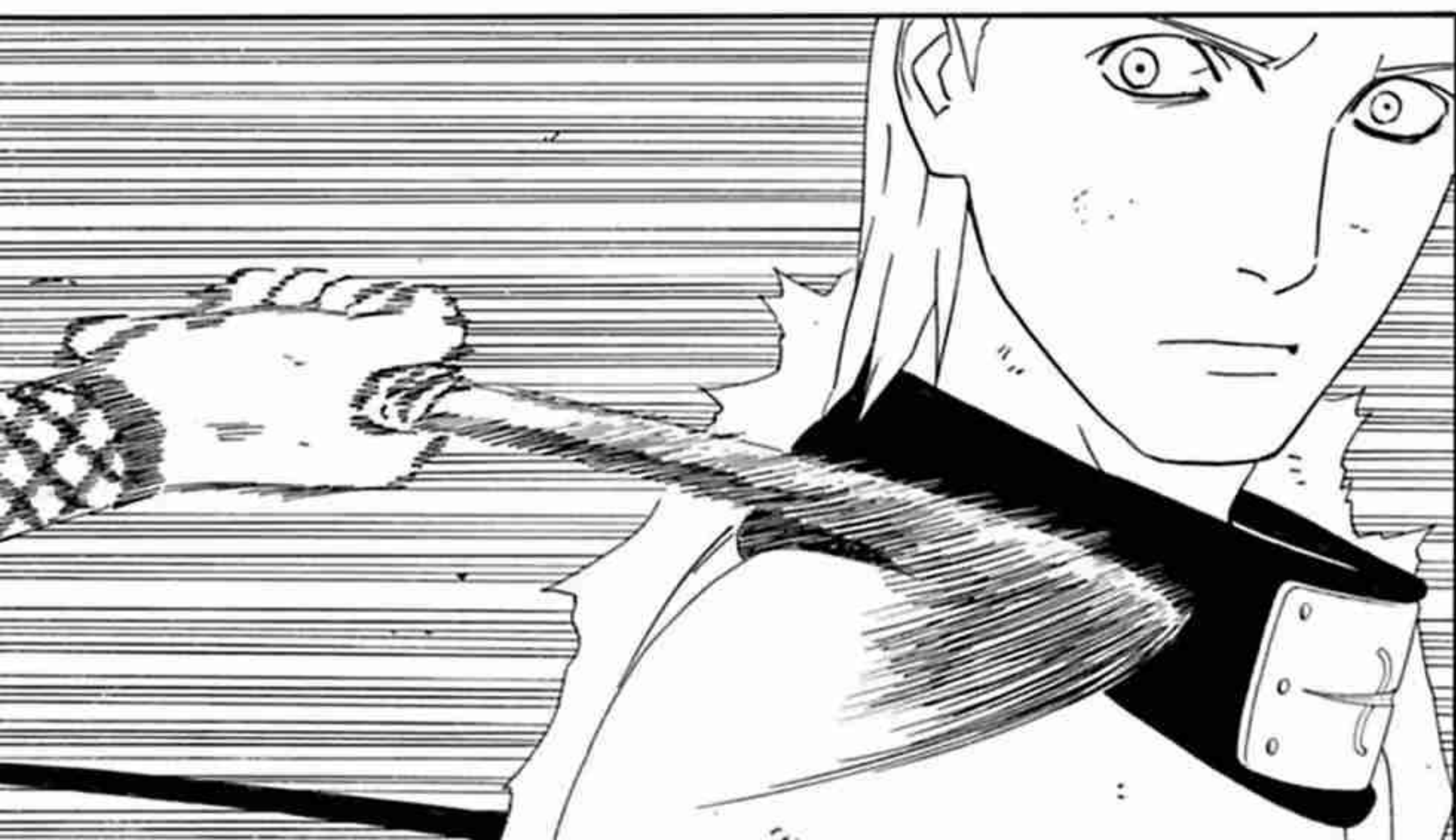


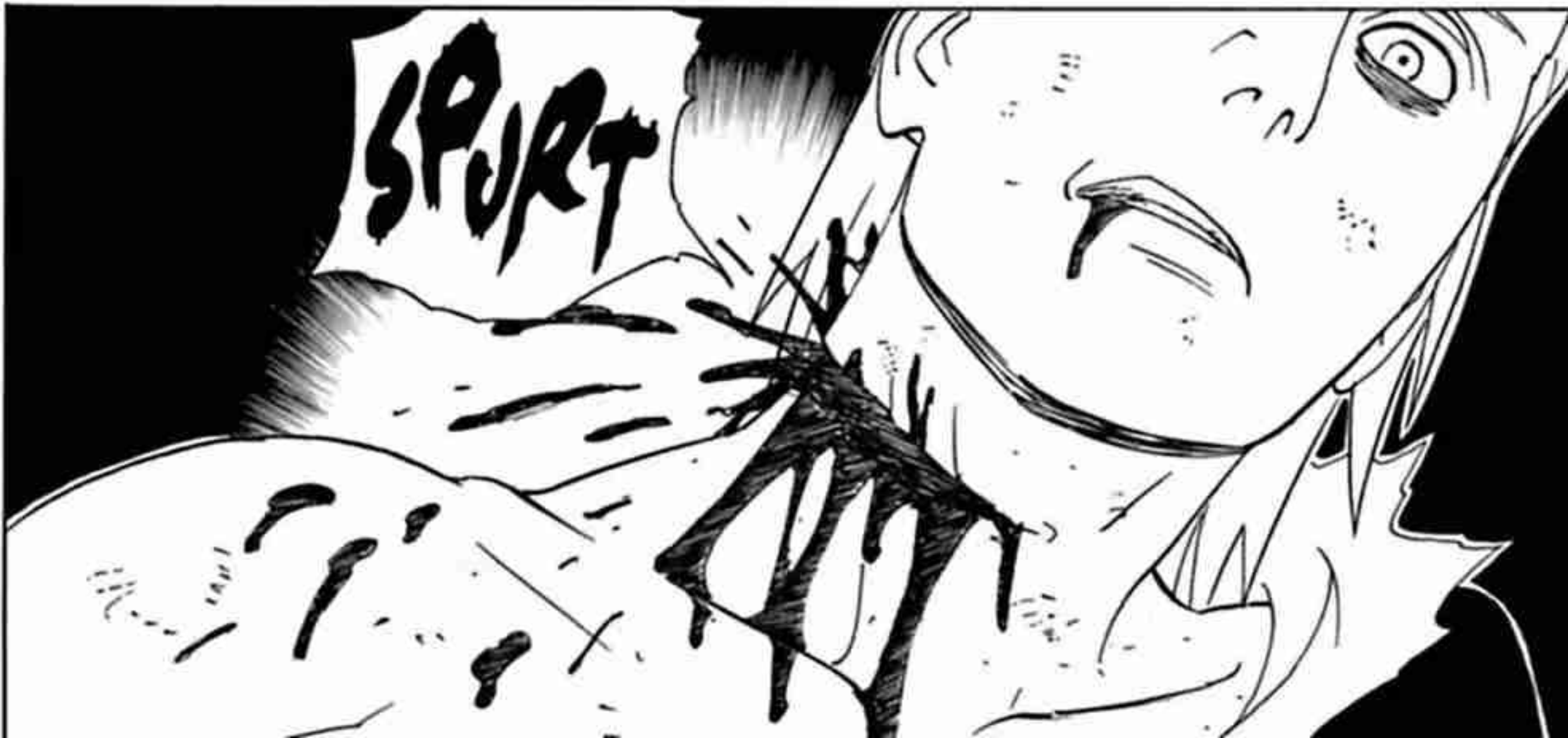
Number 337: Shikamaru's Genius!!



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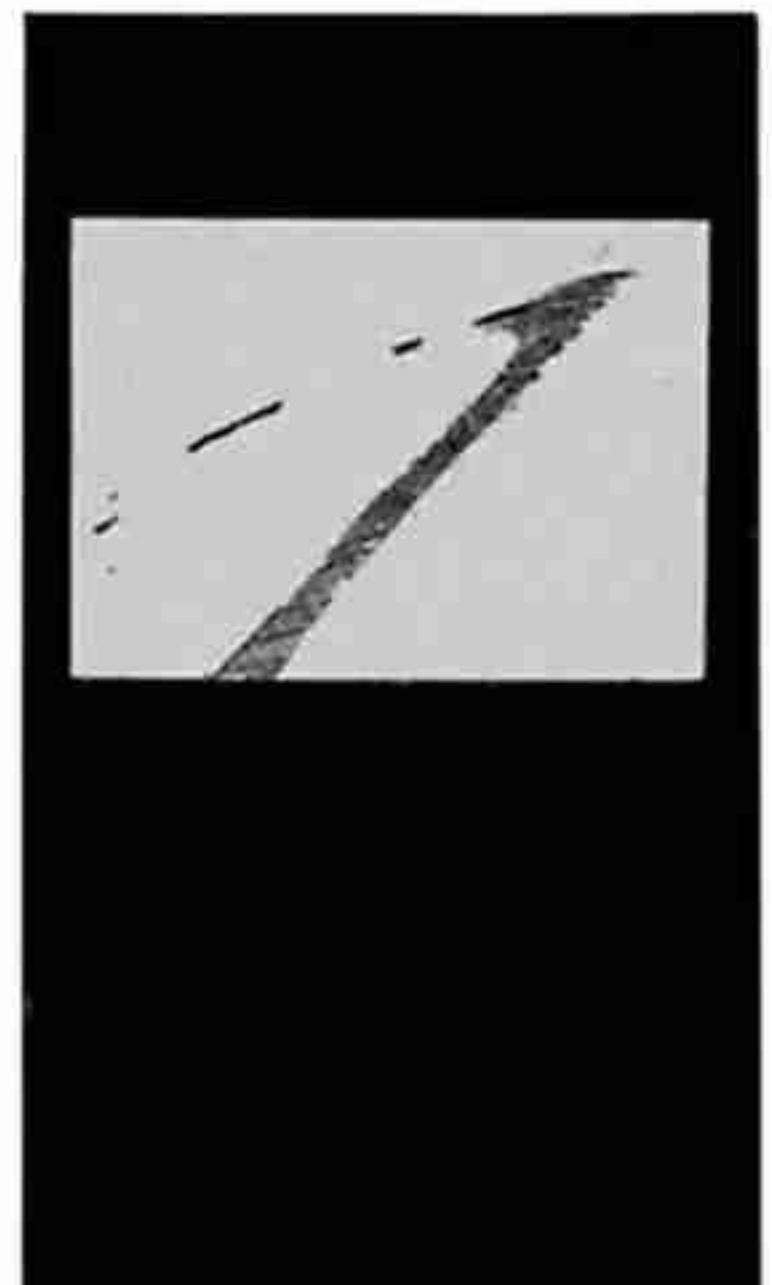
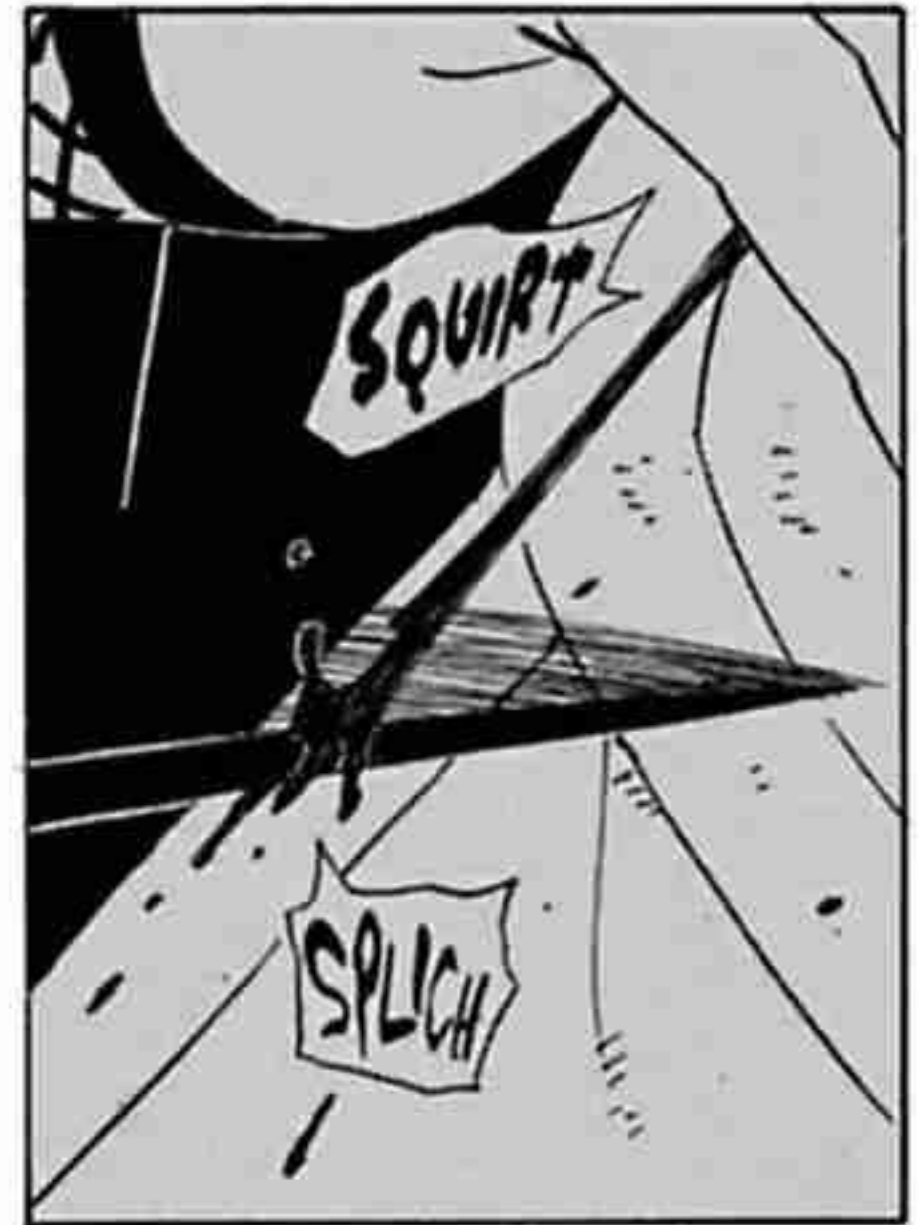
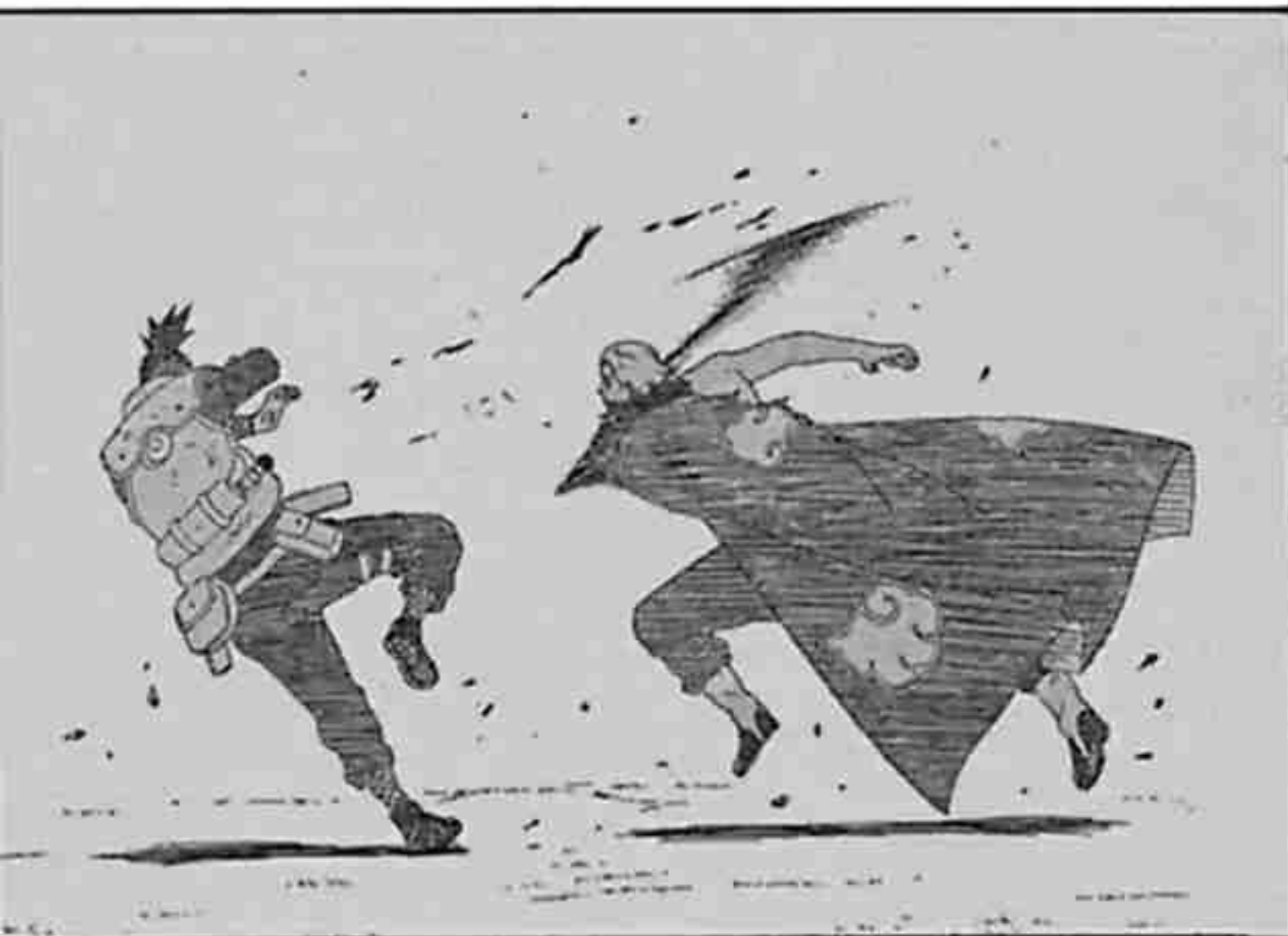
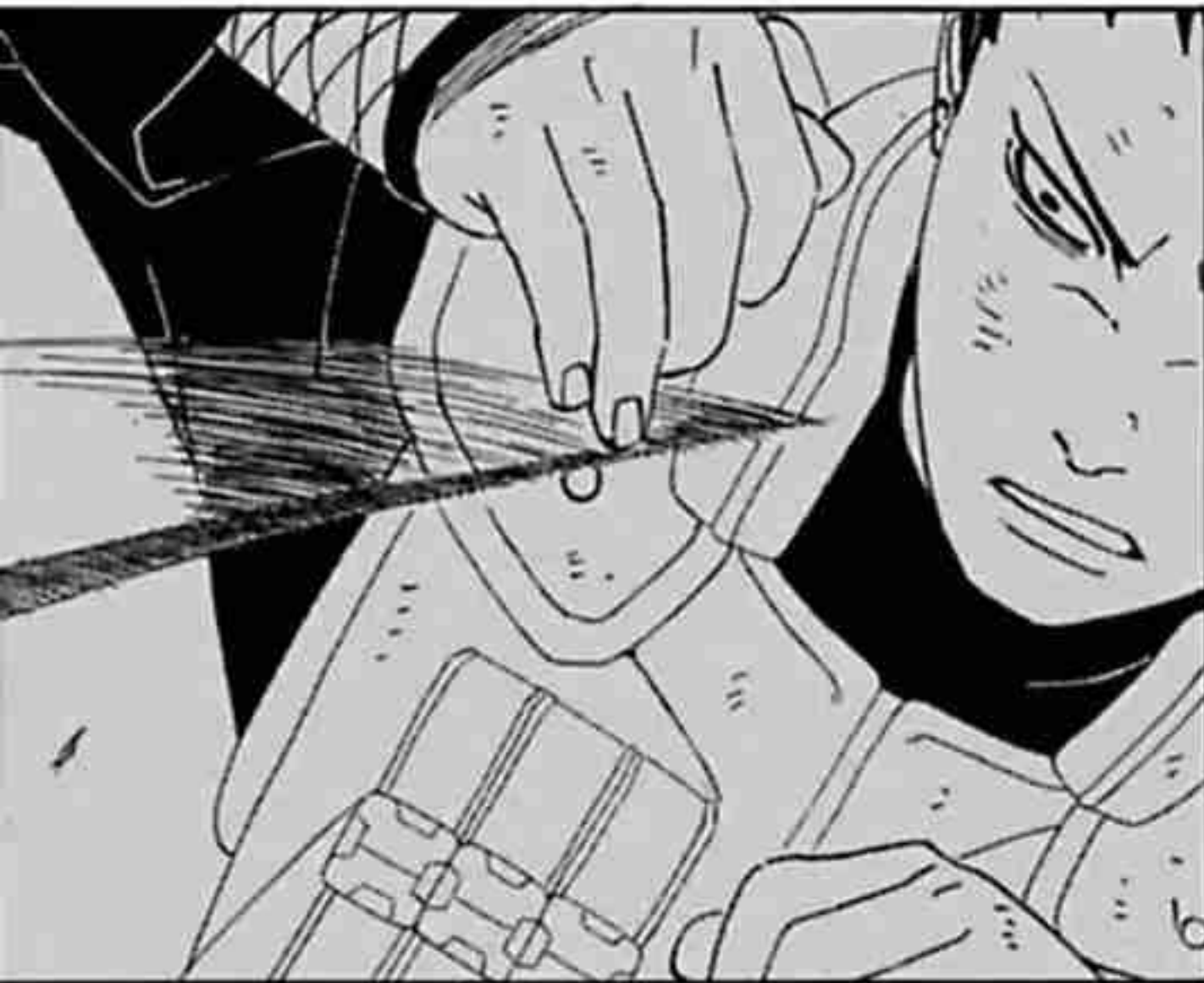


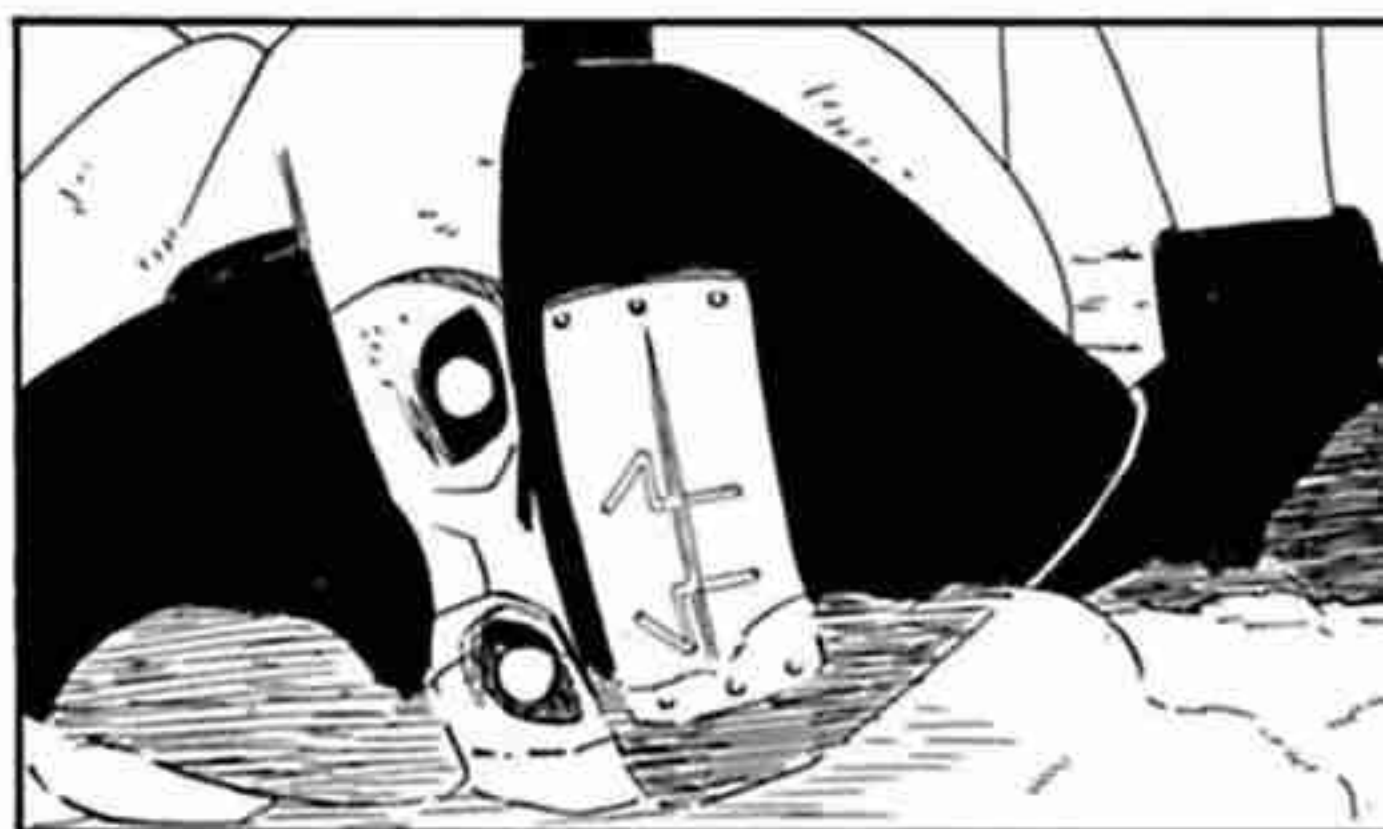




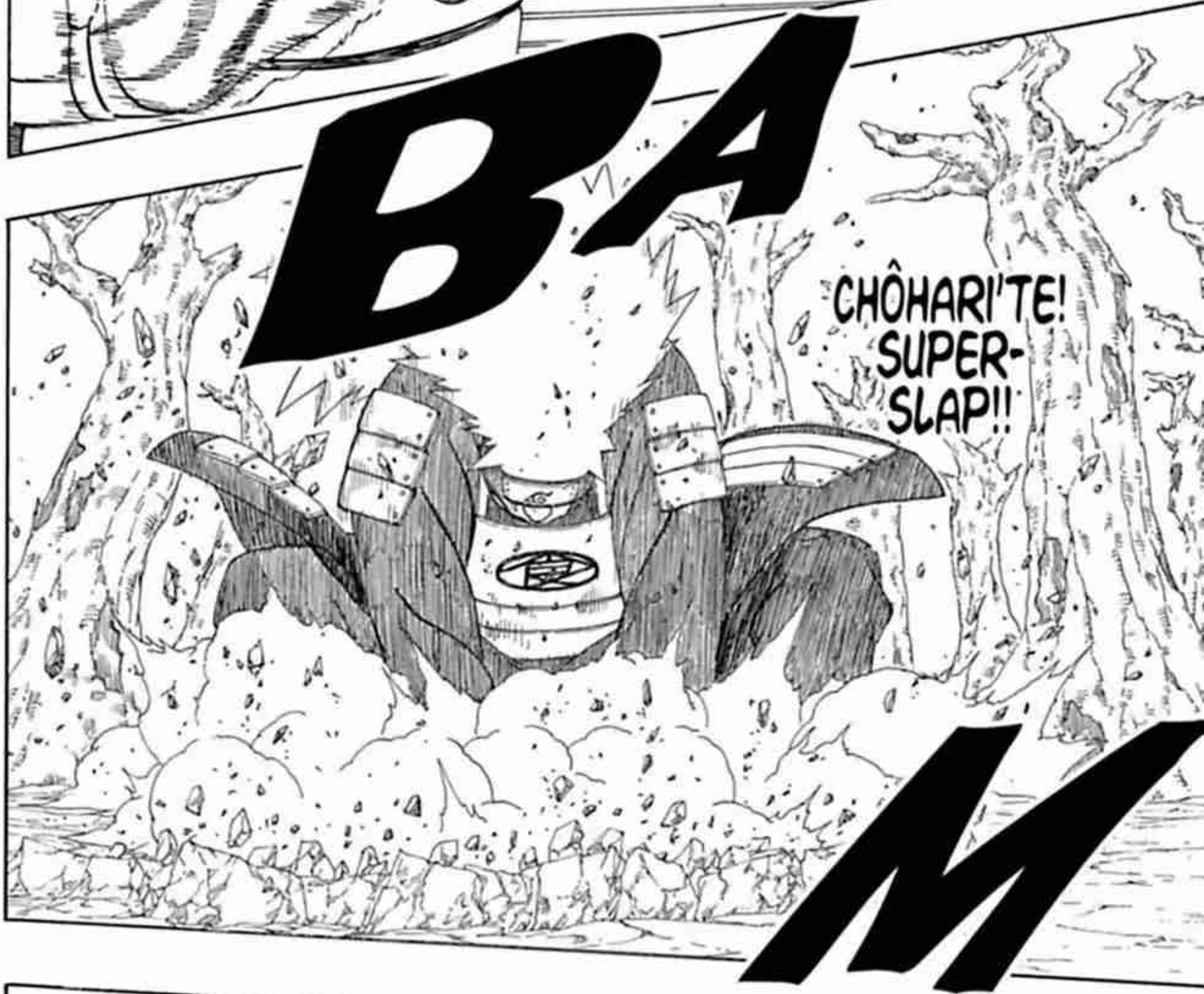






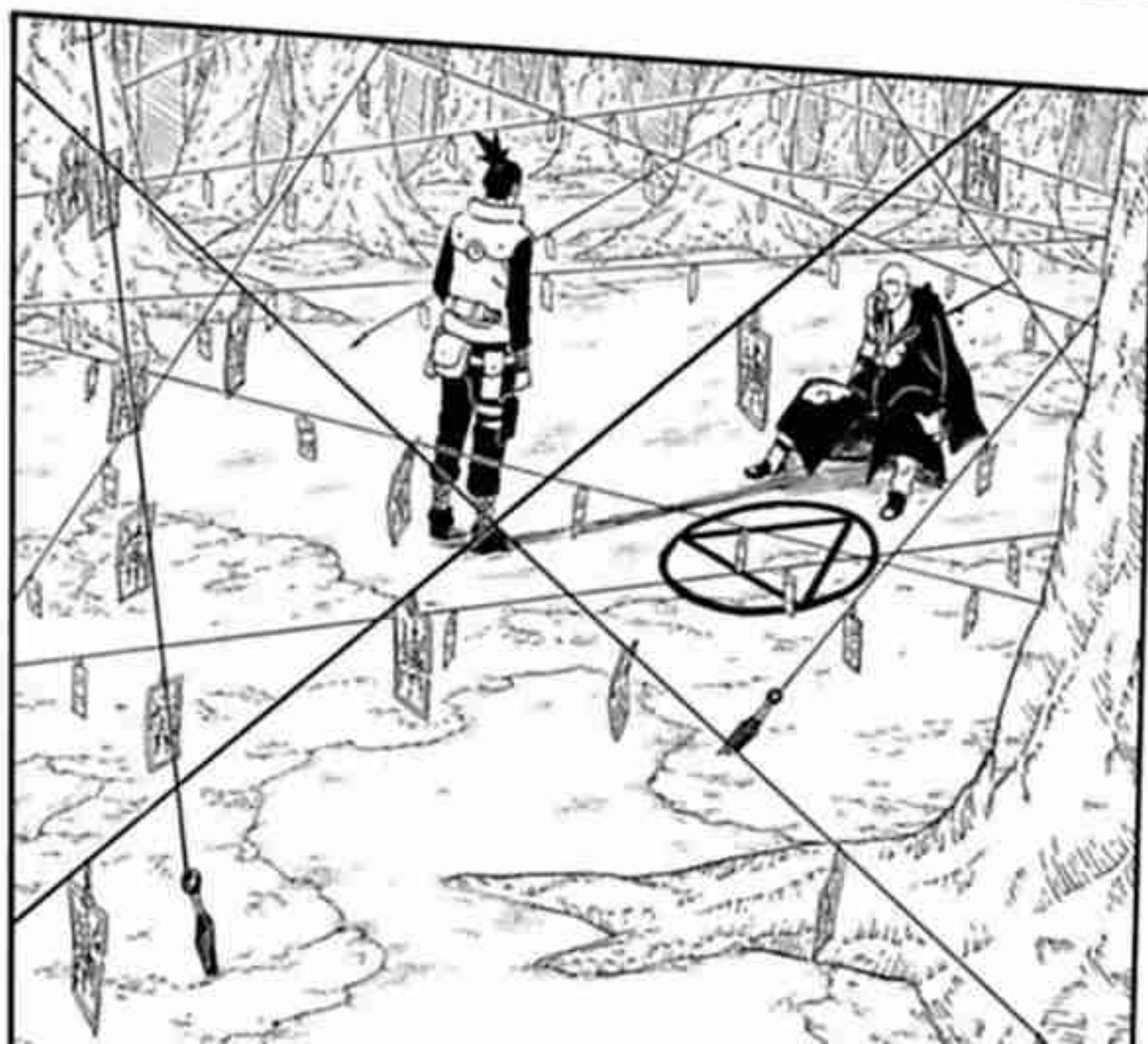






READ
THIS
WAY









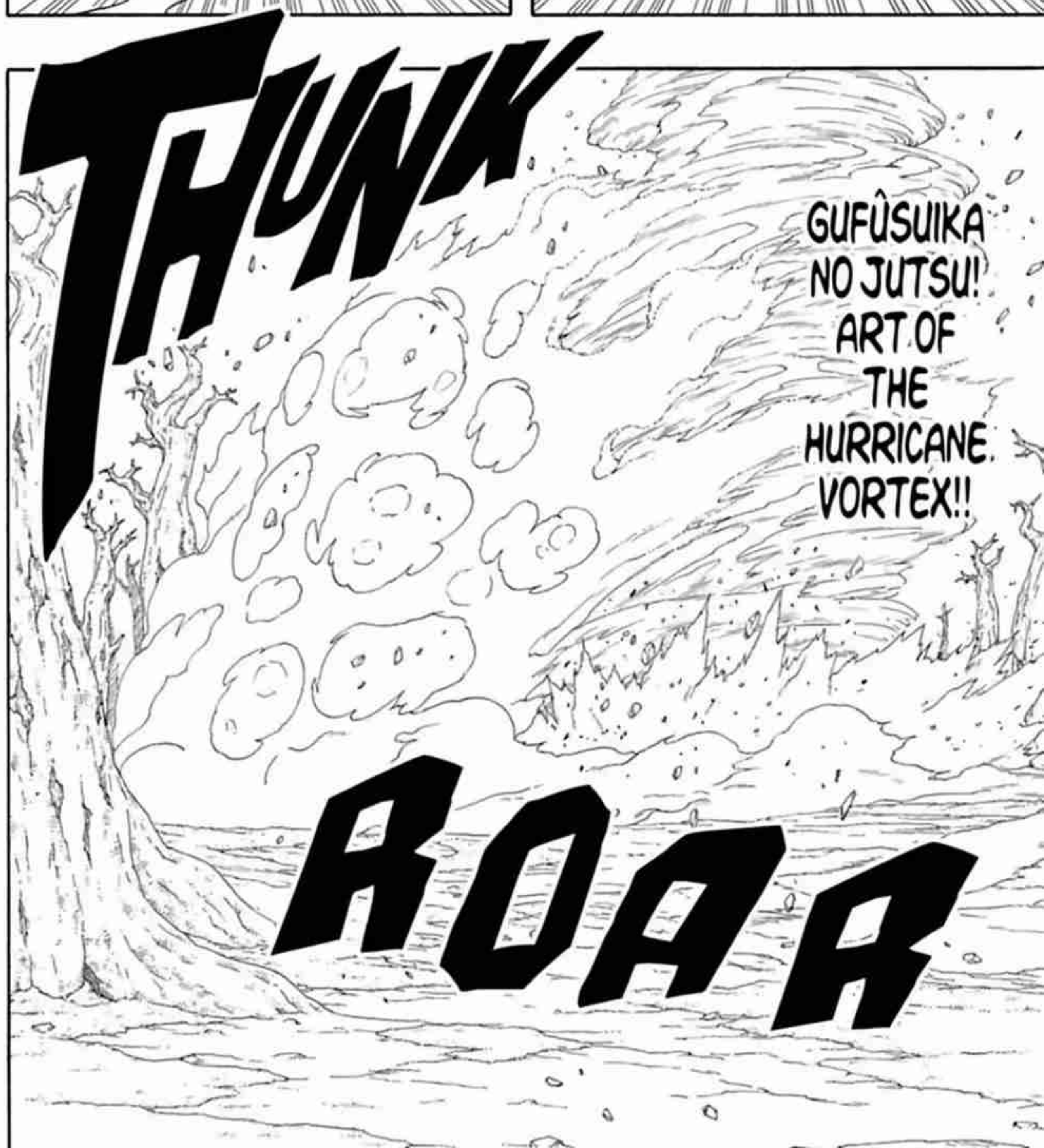




SUITON
HAHONRYÛ!
WATER
STYLE,
RIPPING
TORRENT!!

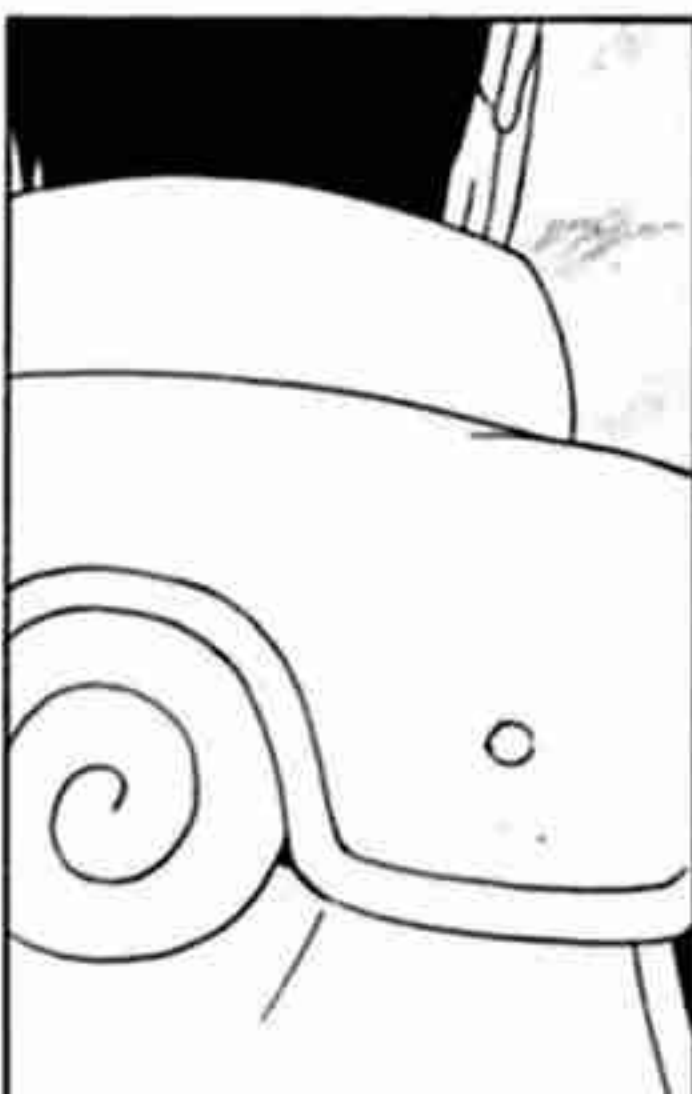
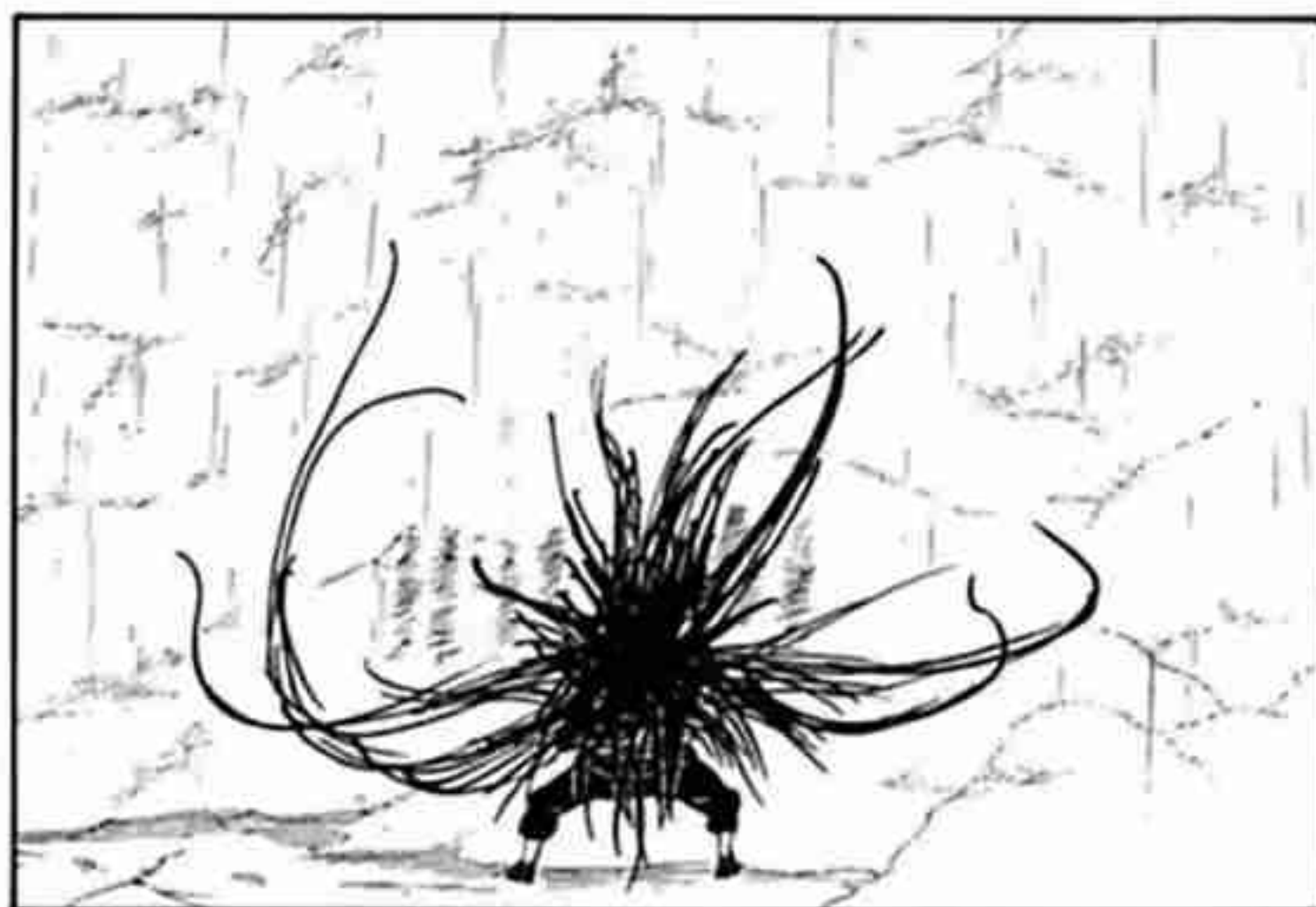


FÛTON
RASENGAN!
WIND
STYLE,
RASENGAN!!



GUFÛSUIKA
NO JUTSU!
ART OF
THE
HURRICANE
VORTEX!!

THUNK
ROAR





NARUTO



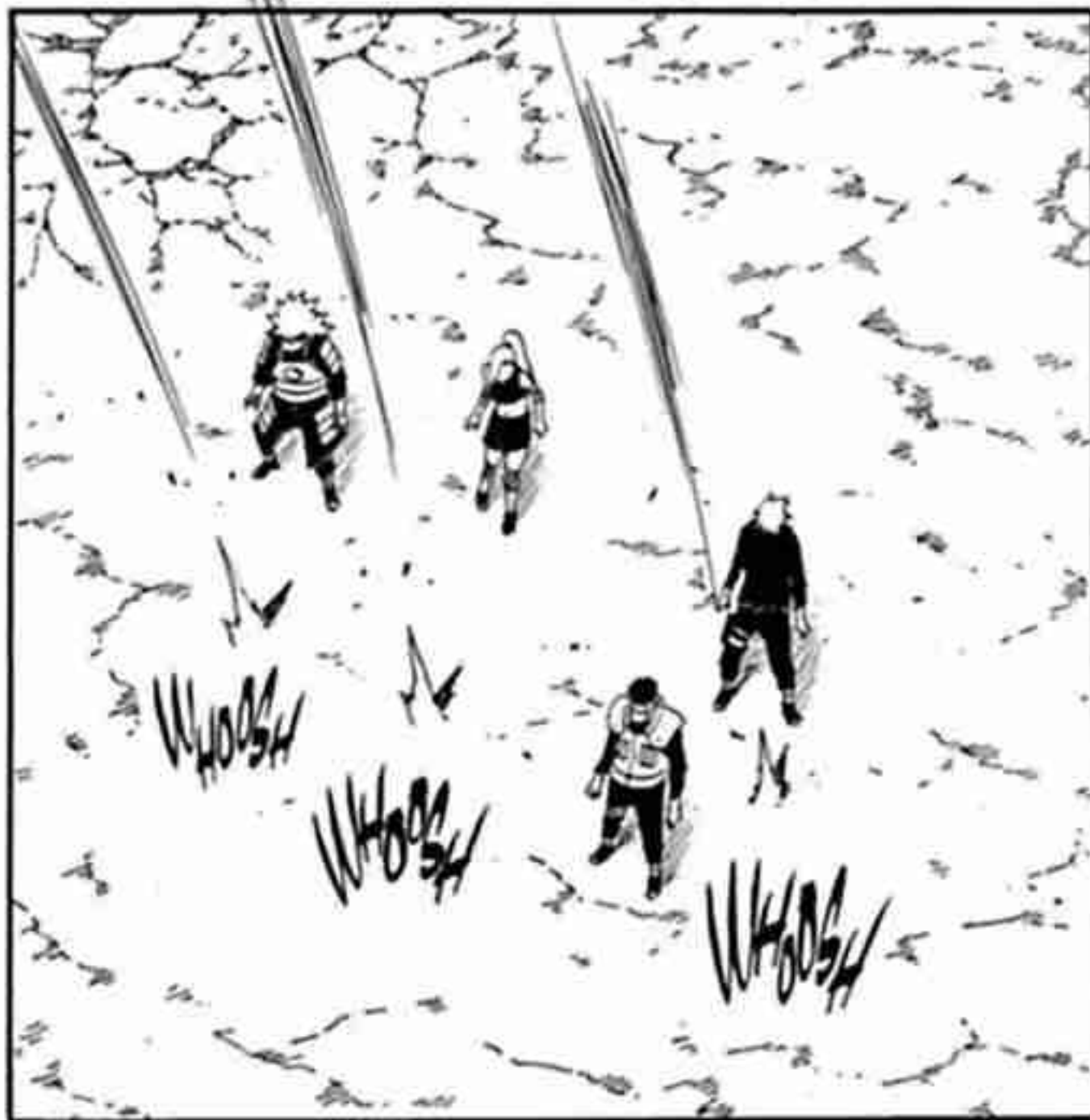
Number 338: Payback...













YOU'LL
SEE...
NARUTO'S
COME A
LONG
WAY...

WELL,
JUST
KEEP
WATCHING.



IT MIGHT
NOT BE
TOO LATE
TO
CONVERT...

...CHANGE
YOUR
WAYS...

IF YOU
BELIEVED
IN LORD
JASHIN...

...HE
COULD
SAVE YOU
RIGHT
ABOUT
NOW!



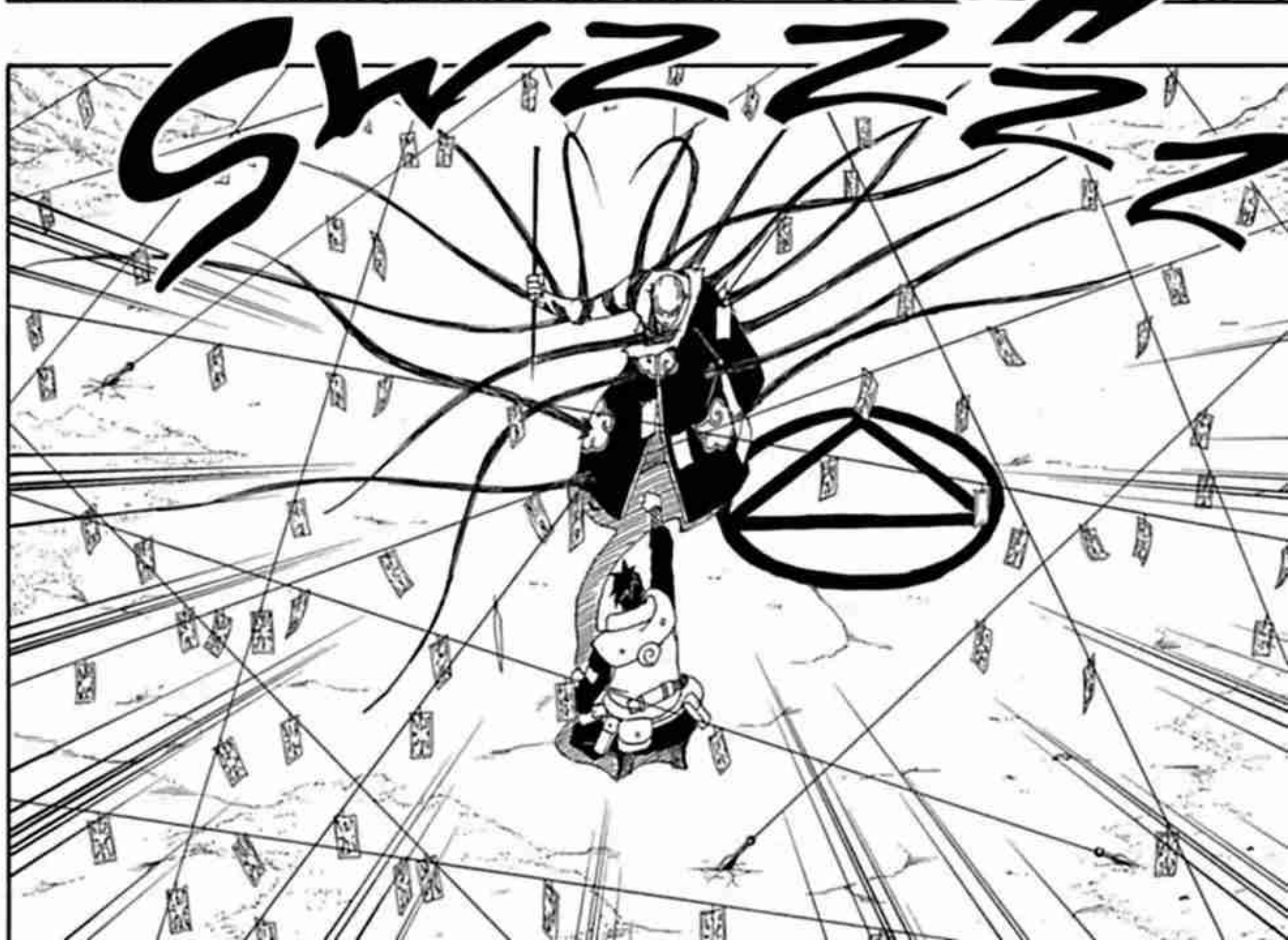
GWA-
HA
HA
HA
HA!

... AH,
JUST
KIDDING,
FOOL!

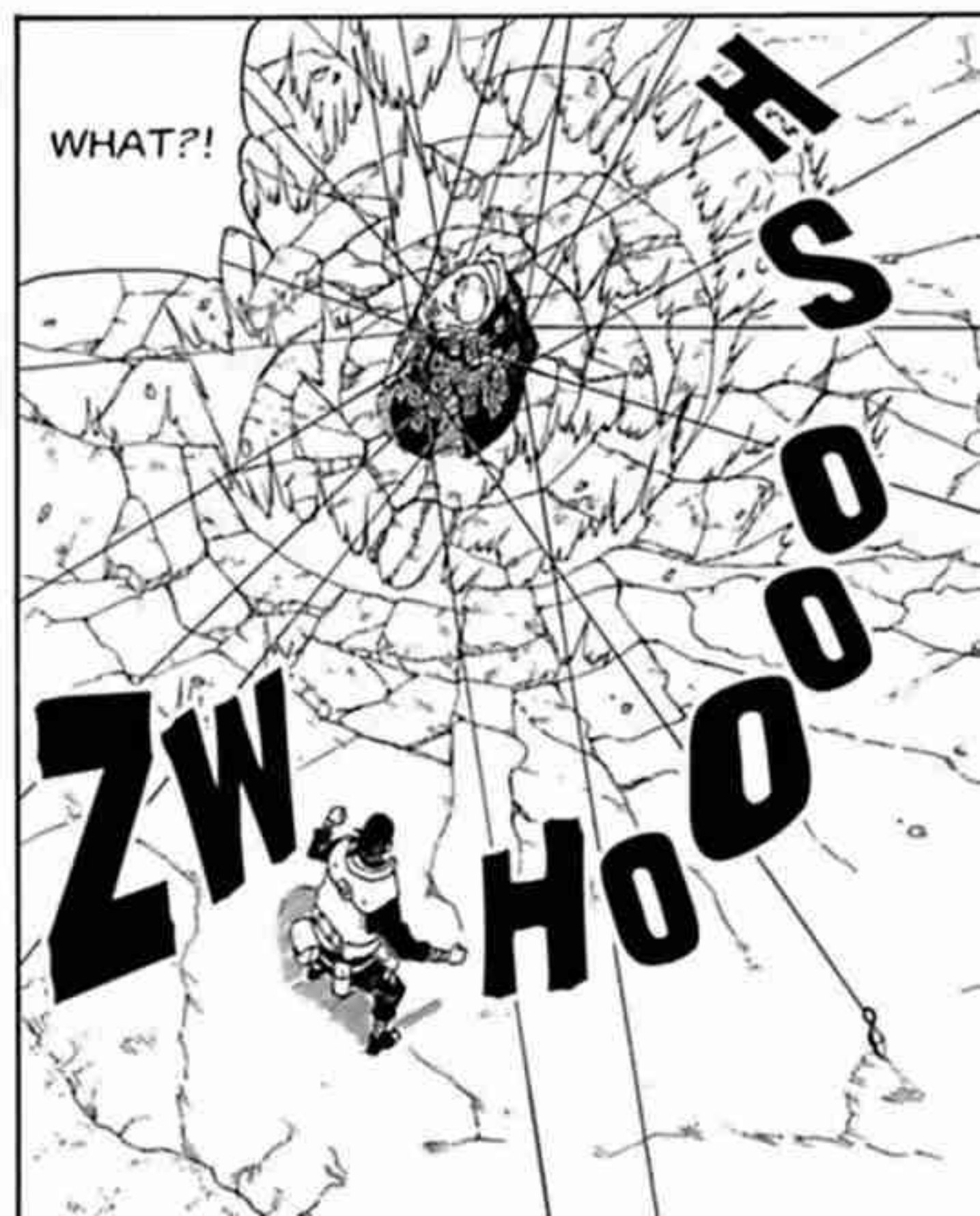


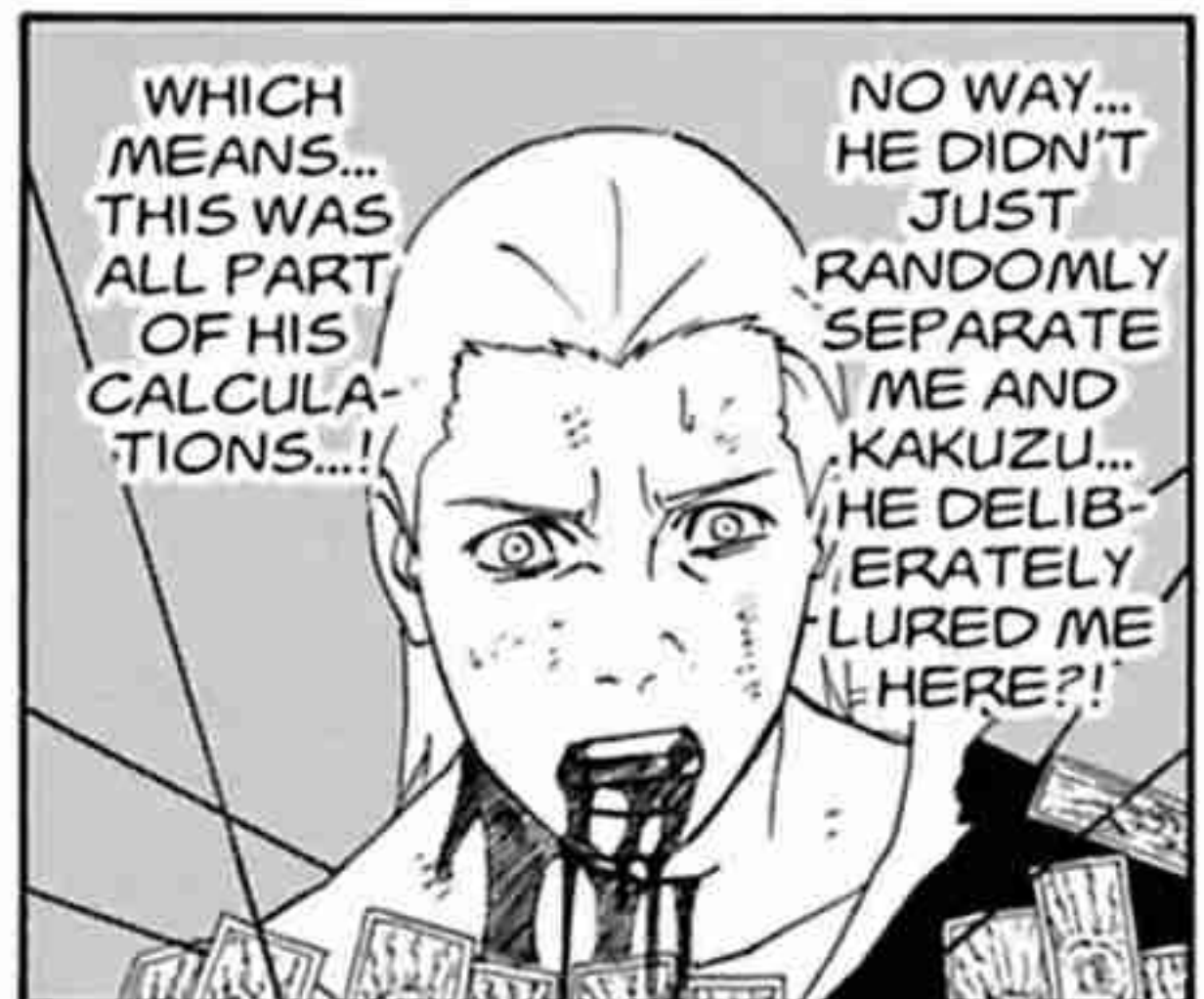
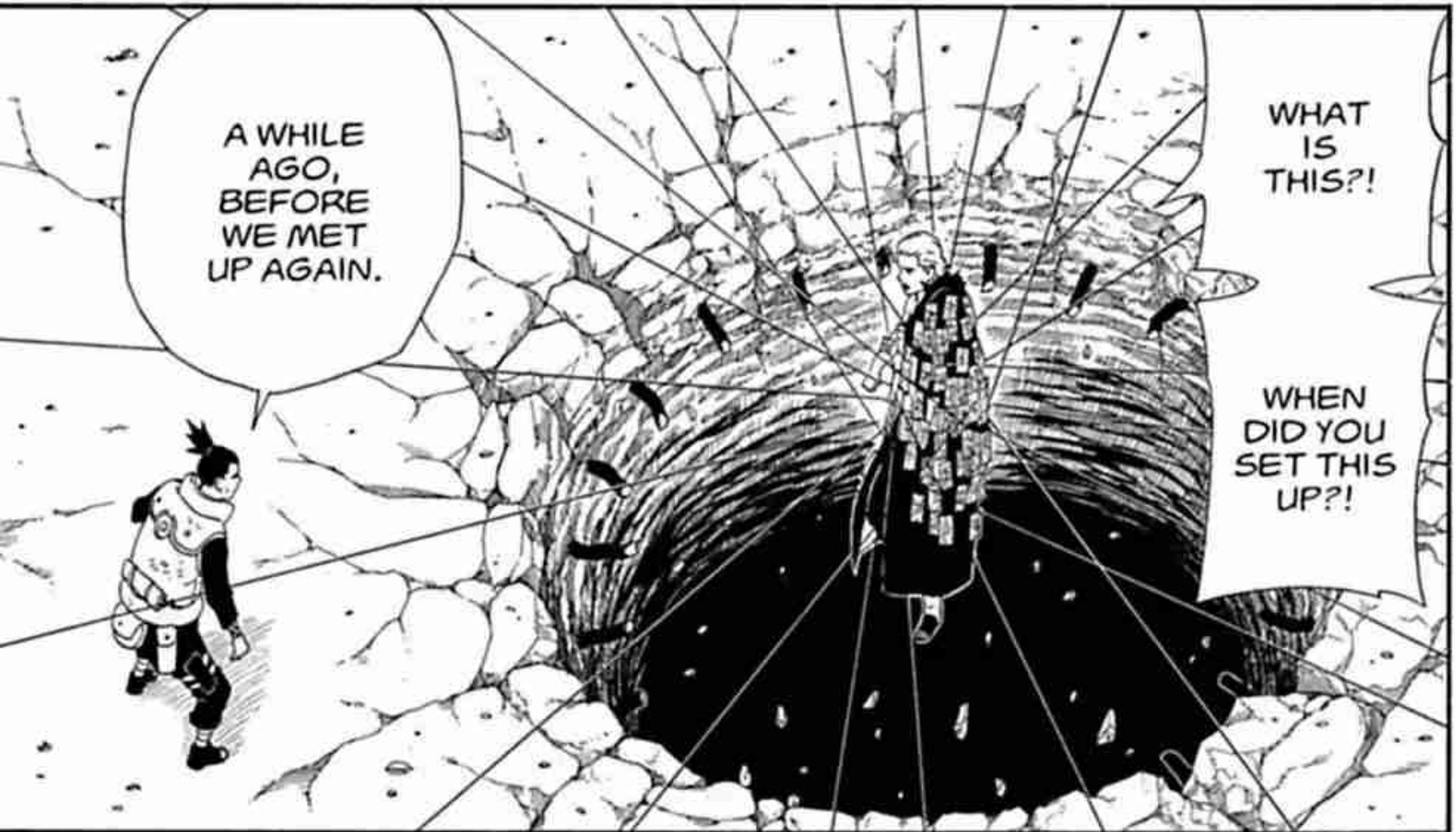
THANKS...
BUT
I CAN
SAVE
MYSELF!

?!

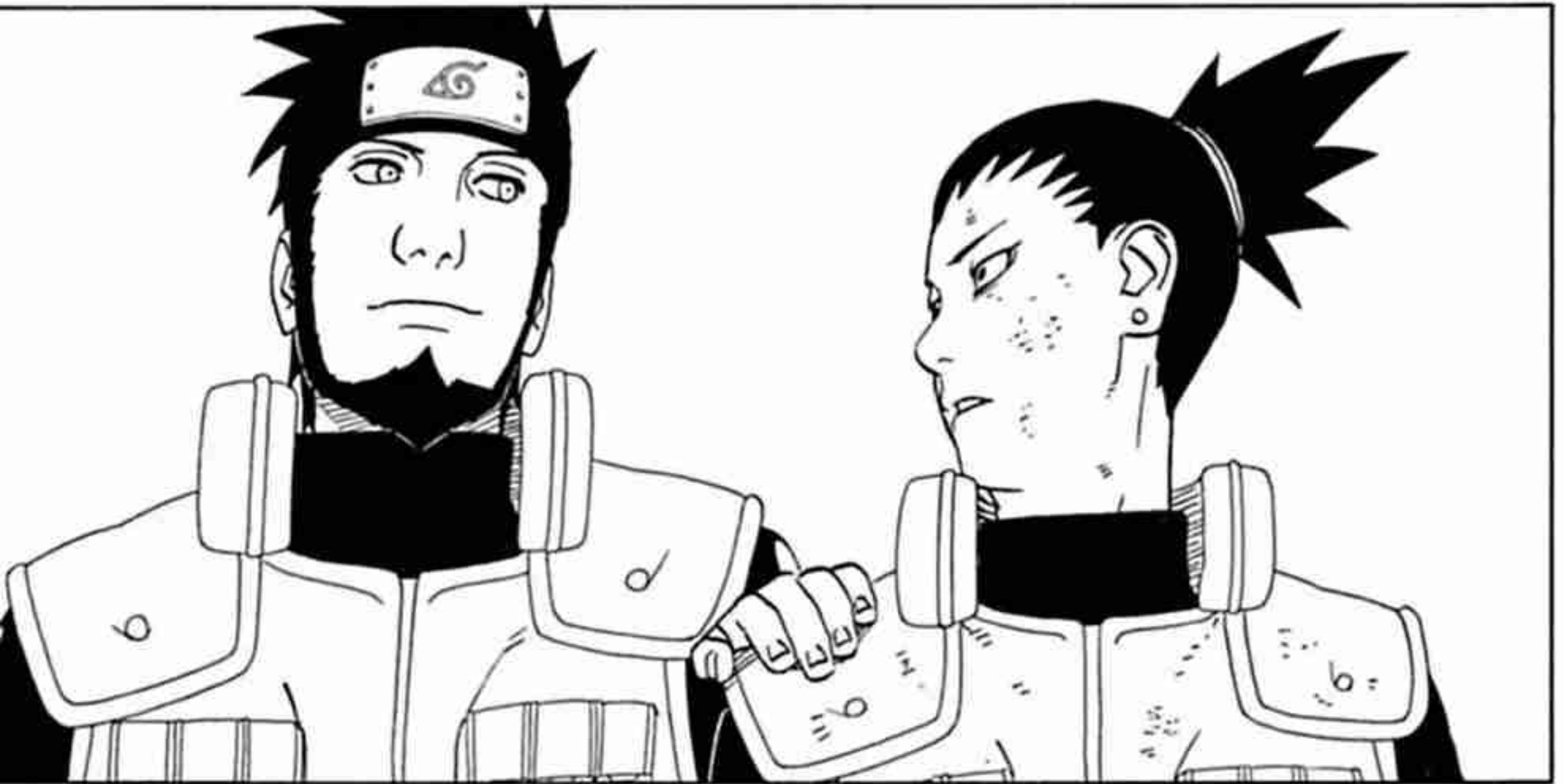


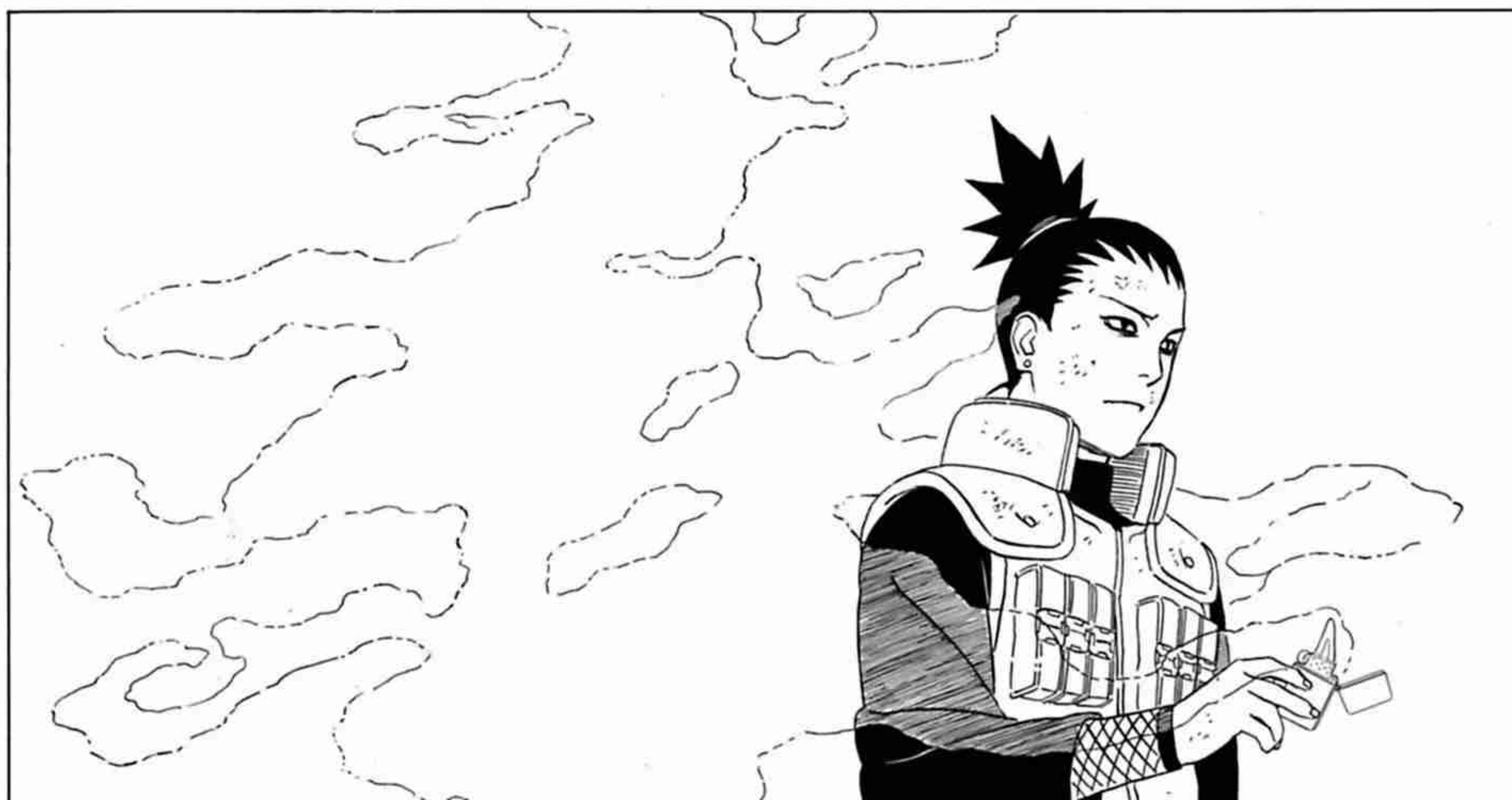
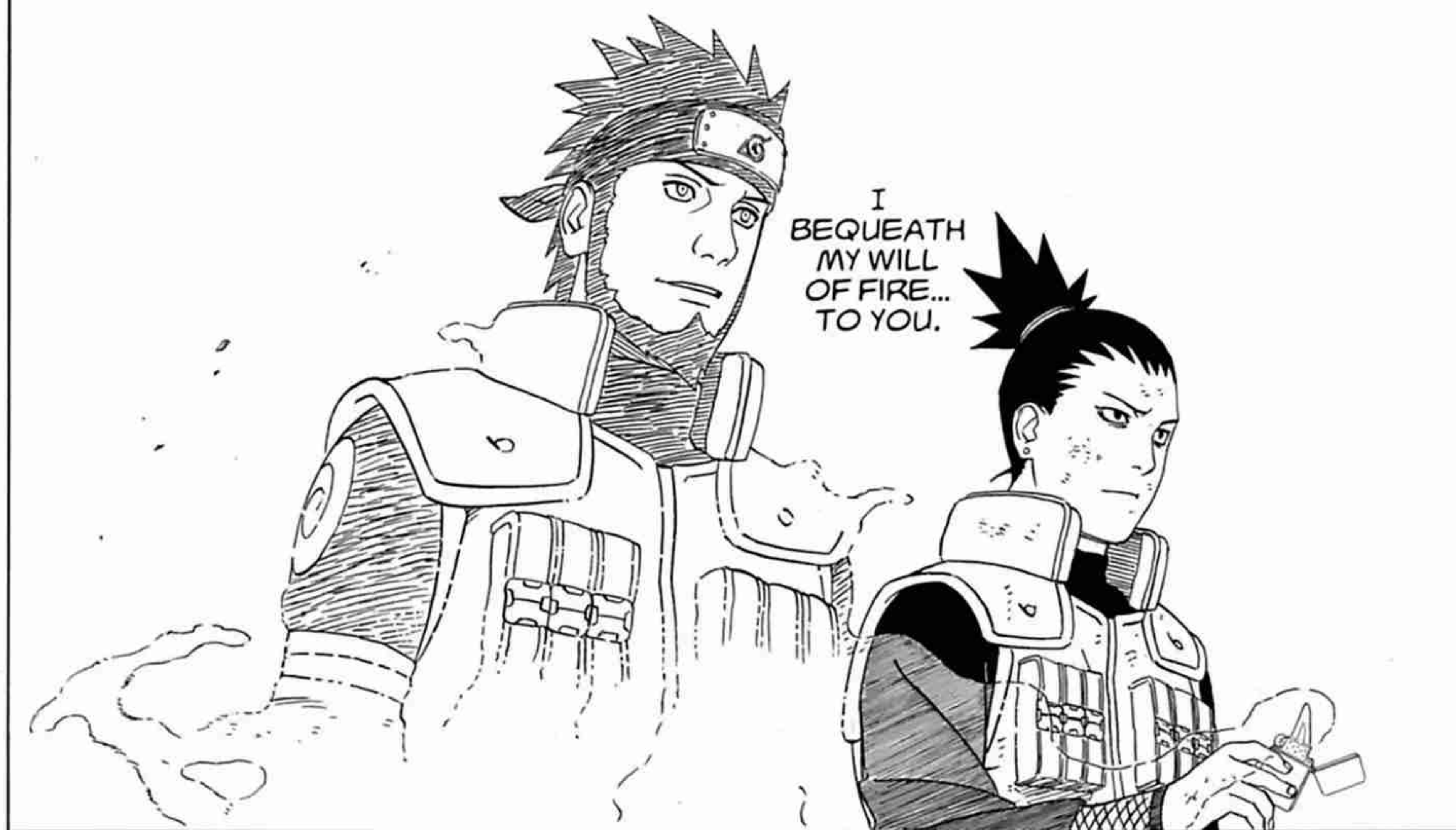
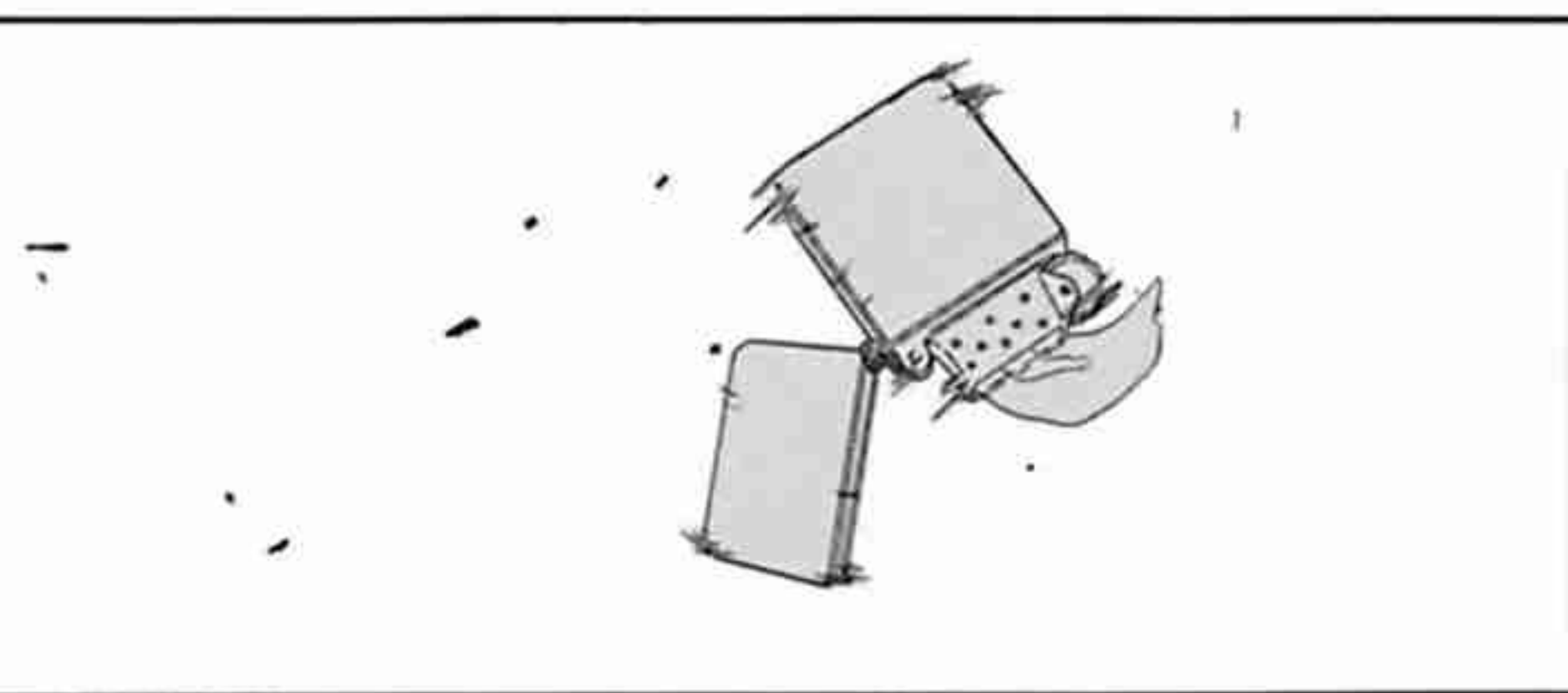
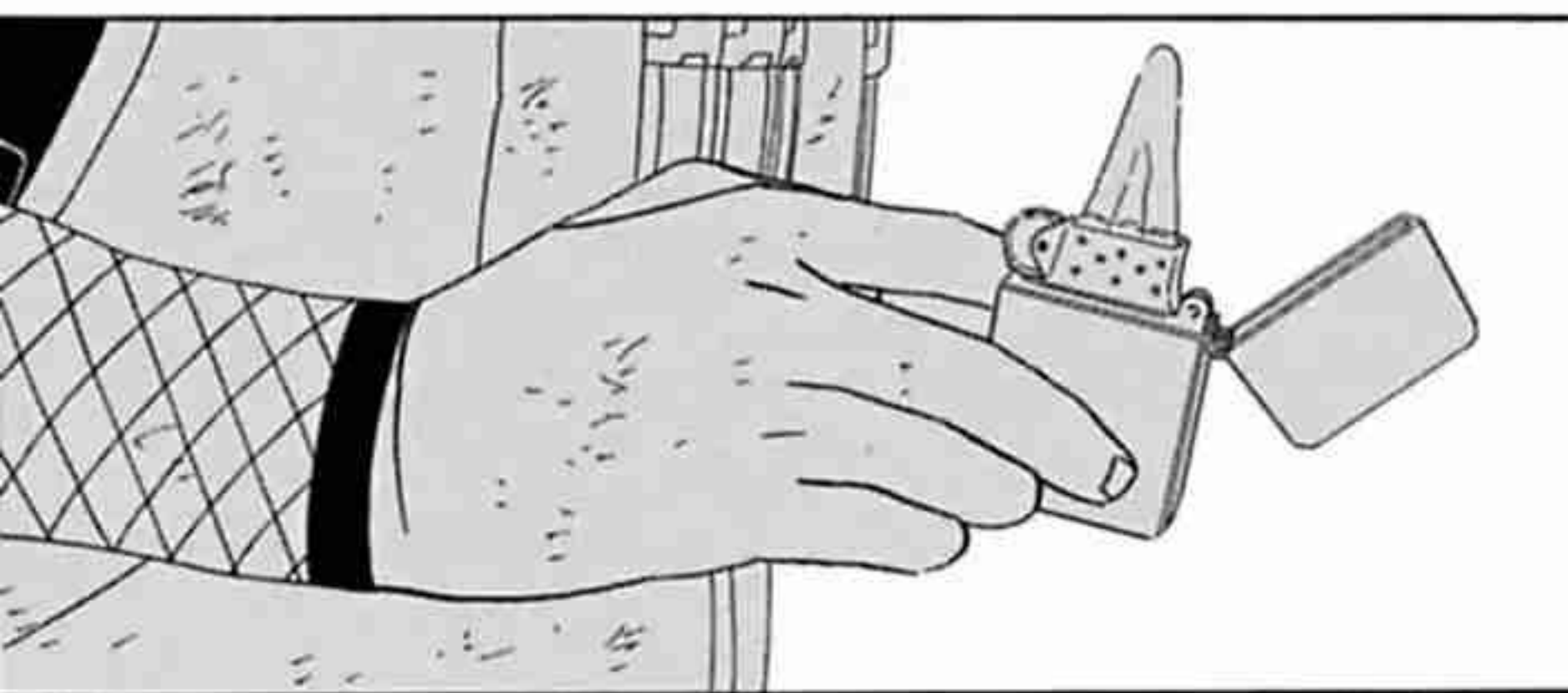


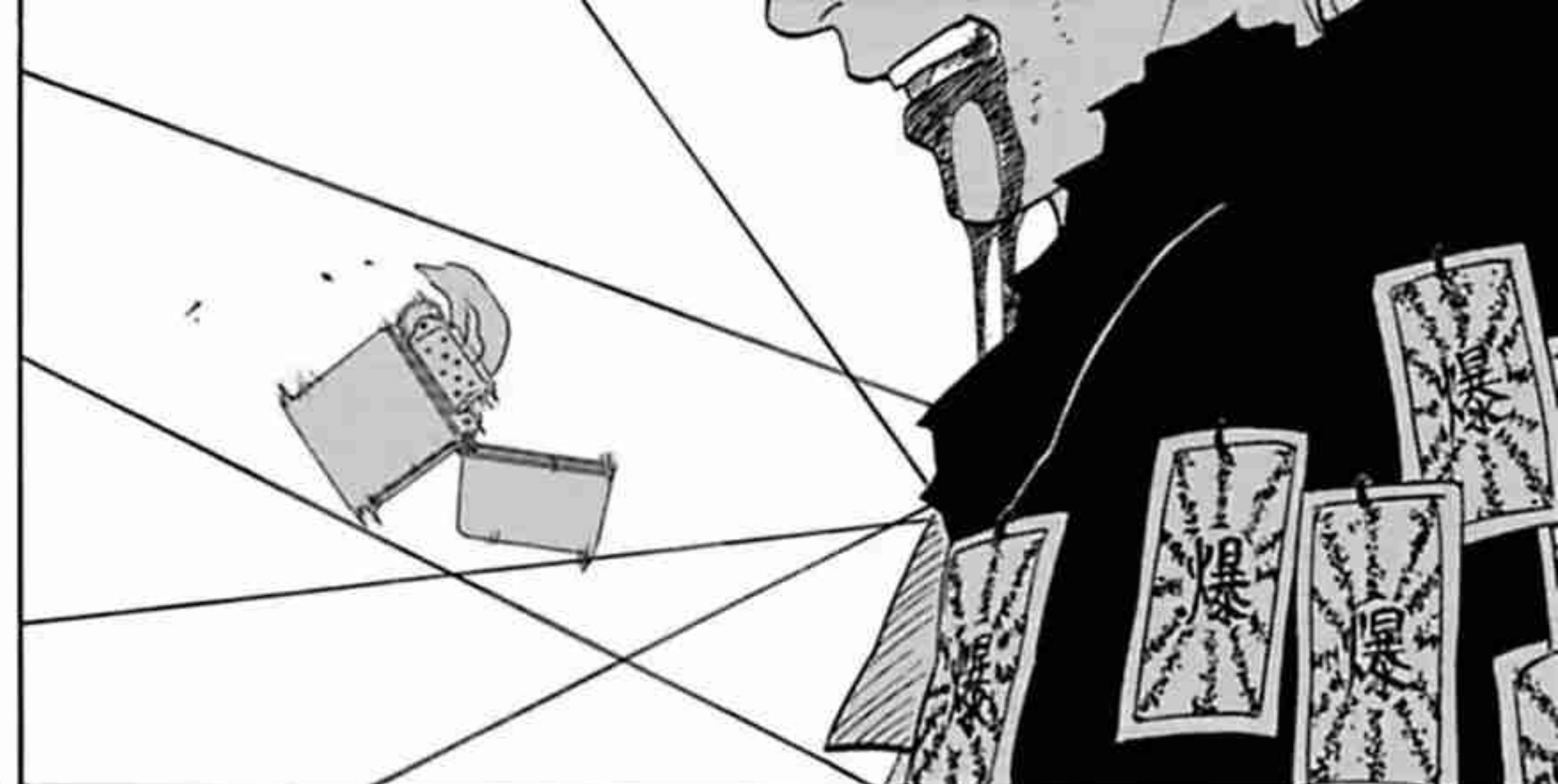
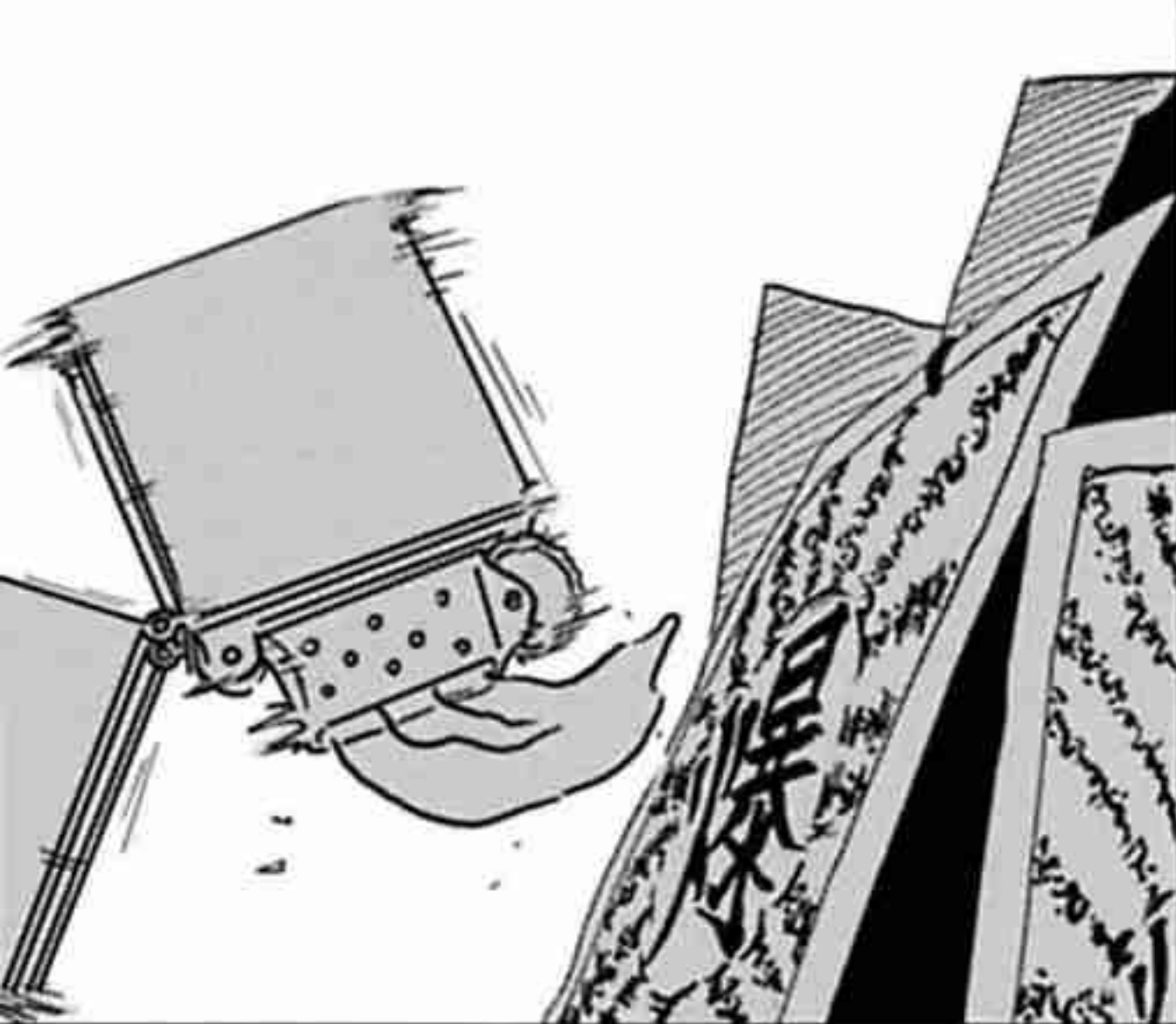






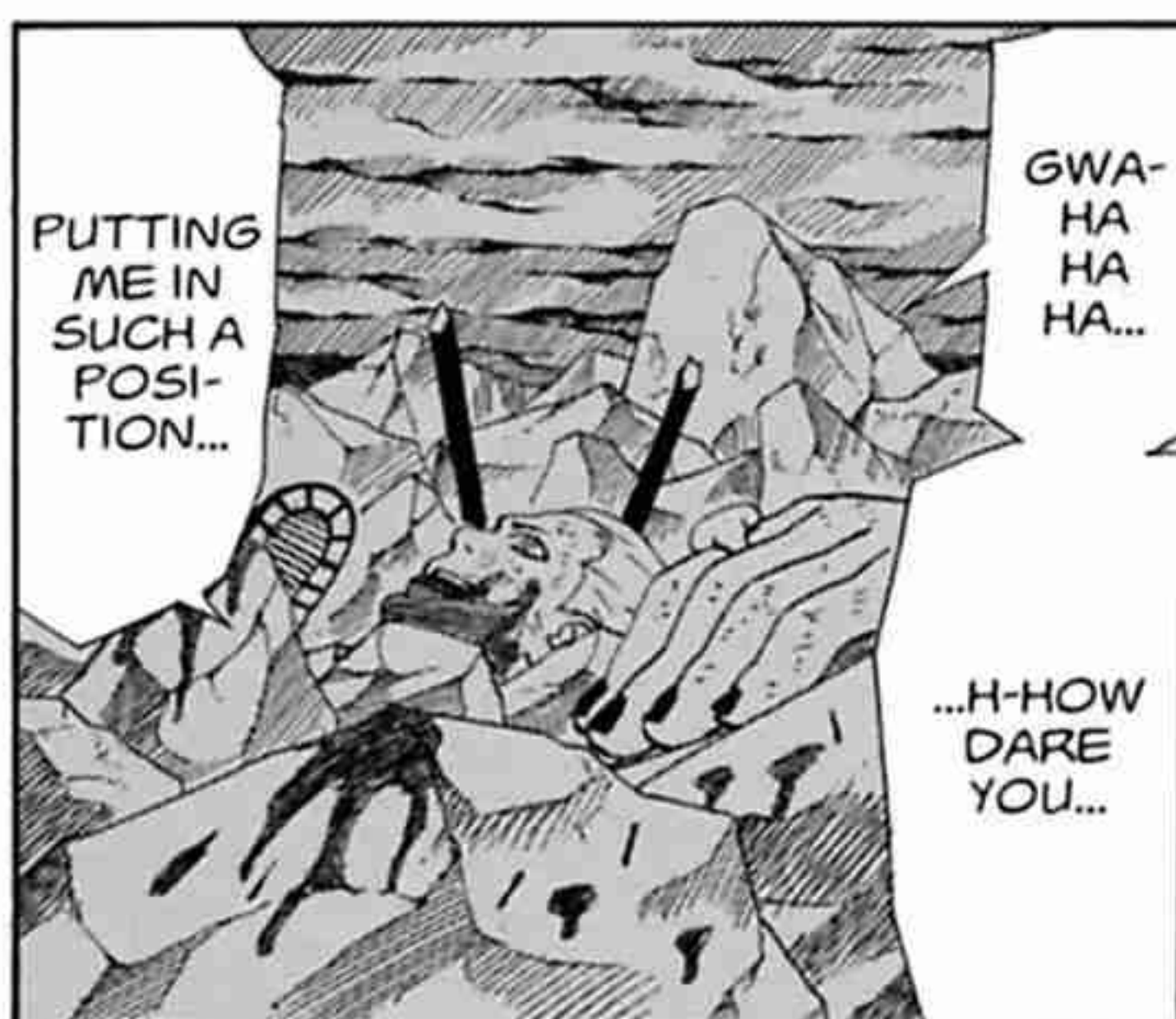






NARUTO







THE
SEVEREST
JUDGMENT
EVER DEALT
BY THE
CHURCH OF
JASHIN...

I SWEAR,
LORD
JASHIN WILL
PUNISH
YOU!!



YOU AND
ME, WE
BELIEVE IN
DIFFERENT
THINGS.

YOU
DON'T
SCARE
ME A BIT.
NEITHER
DOES
YOUR
GOD.

THIP





THE
CHURCH
OF JASHIN
WILL
PUNISH
YOU!

I
WARNED
YOU!

EH?!



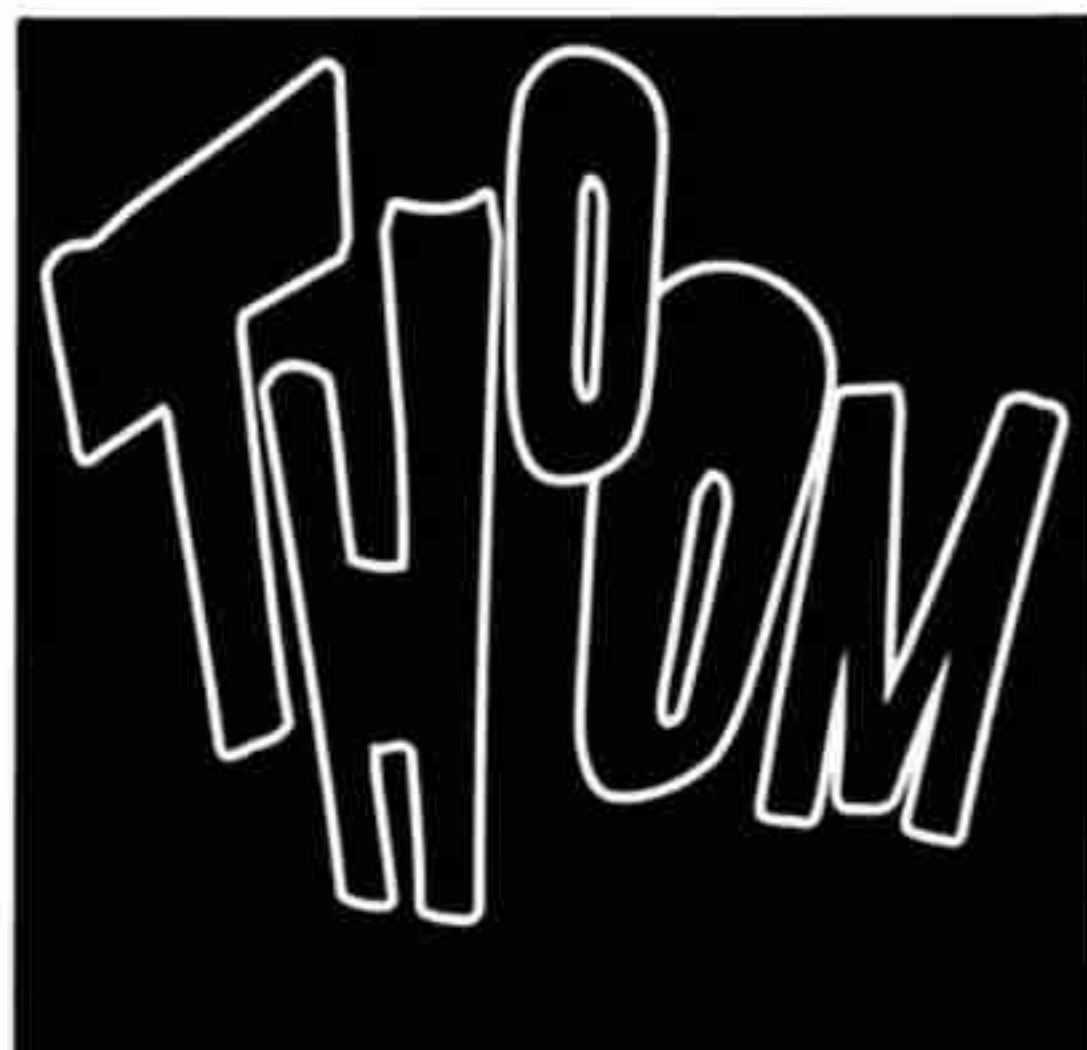
I'LL
CHEW
YOU
TO
BITS!

TEETH!
THAT'S
ALL I
NEED!



AND
THEN
I'LL
BE THE
ONE
PASS-
ING
JUDG-
MENT
ON
YOU!

GWA-
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!!





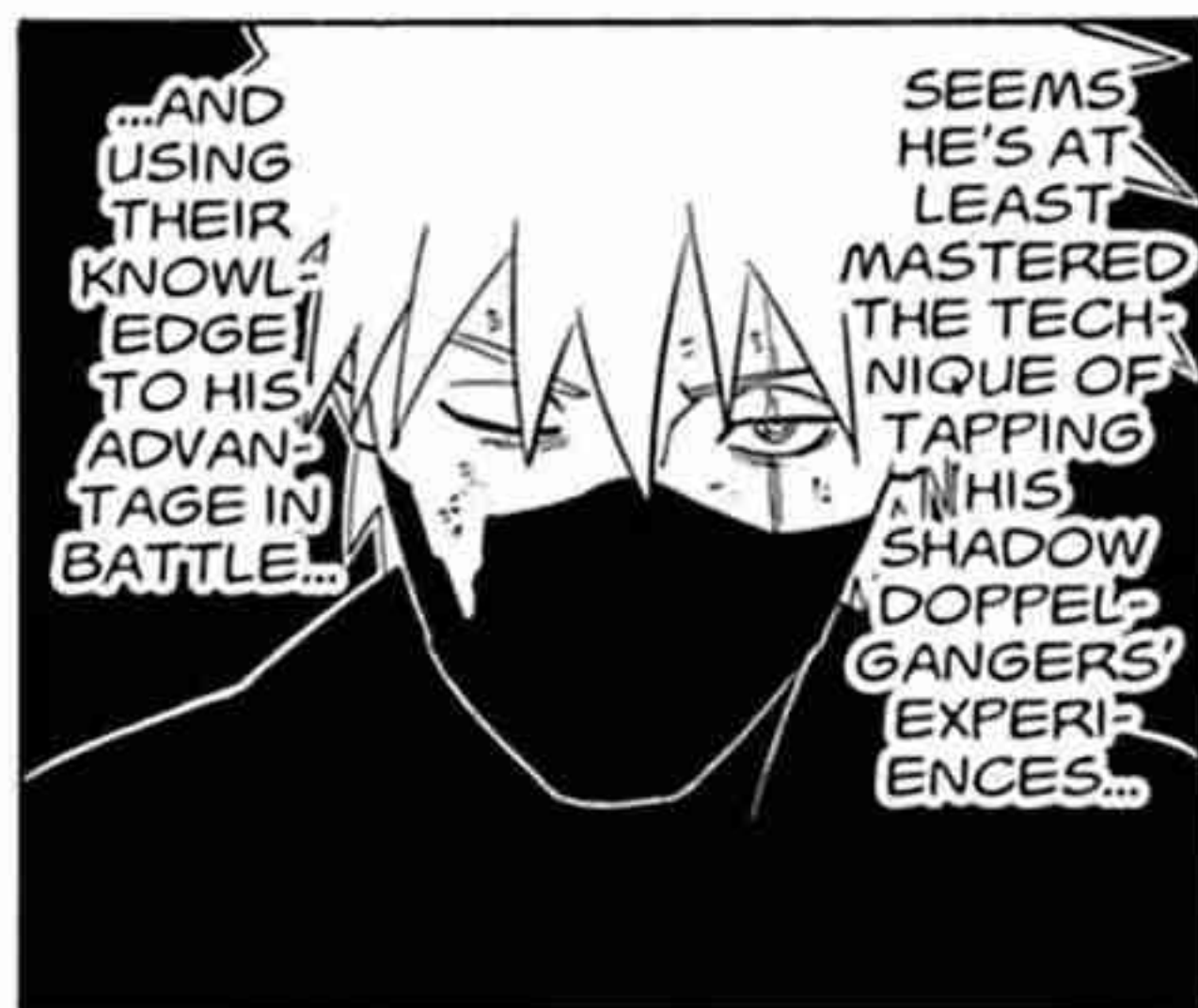




NO
WONDER
KAKASHI'S
HAD HIS
HANDS
FULL.







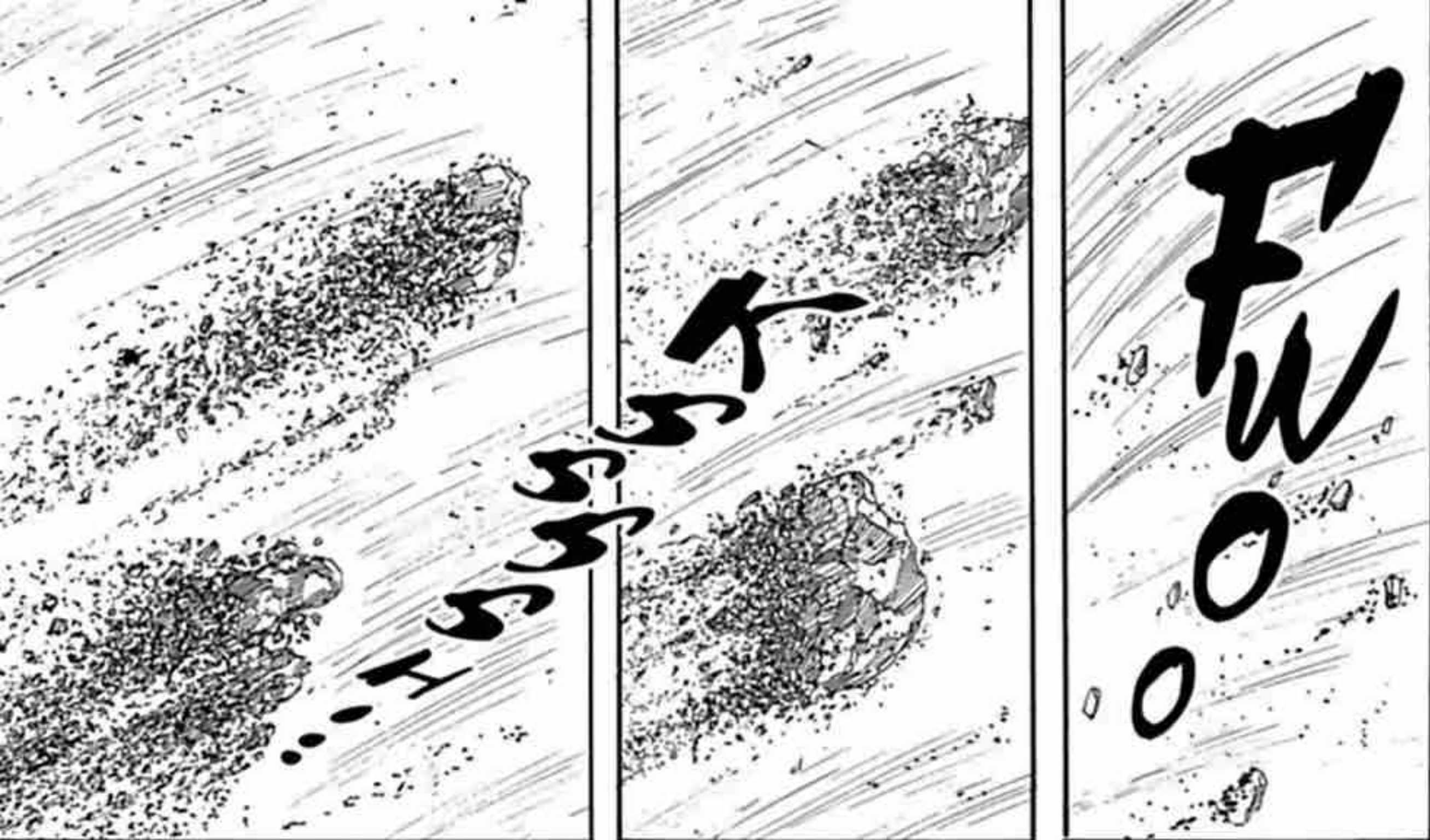
READ
THIS
WAY













WIND
STYLE!
RASEN-
SHURIKEN
!!

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